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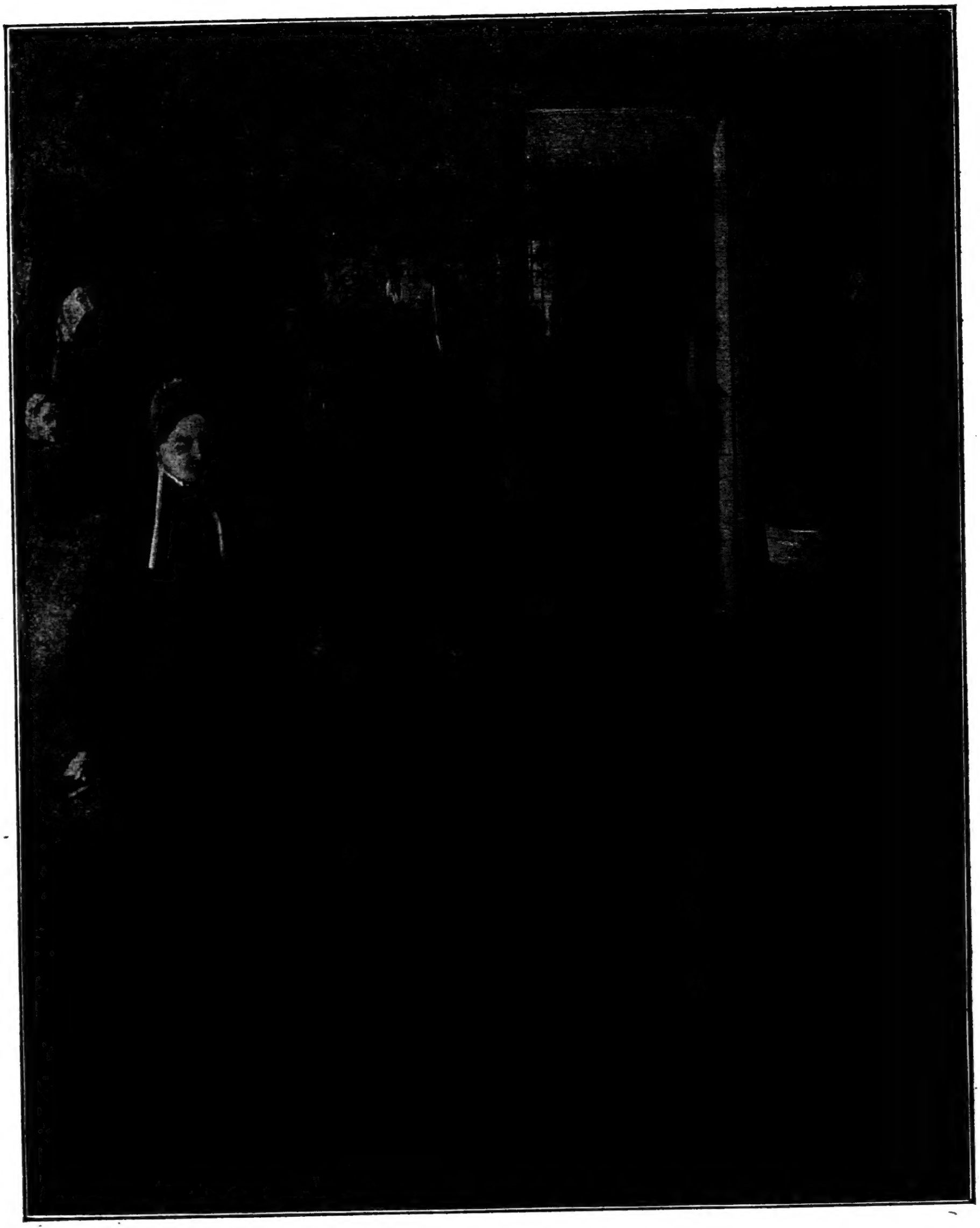

Feet Washing.

FROM A PAINTING.

COURTESY OF THE "ERA"

THE NEW YEAR.

MISS BELLA CLARKE.

I know not what the opening year,
Upon whose threshold now I stand
May bring to me; nor need I fear
If Thou, dear Saviour, hold my hand,
Guided by Thee, I onward go,
Content to trust come weal or woe.

I would not strive to pierce the veil
That hides the future from my sight,
Whatever Lord *Thou* sendest me
Of joy or sorrow, must be right;
What may befall I cannot tell,
Thou knowest, and dost "all things well."

And what sweet comfort and repose,
The knowledge brings my trembling heart,
That Thou O Lord, dost govern all;
And that *no power*, from Thee can part.
Then wherefore should I doubt or fear,
With Thine own presence ever near?

Though many failures mark the road,
That I have trod in days of yore;
I look to Thee for *pardon* now,
And grace to *keep me* evermore.
Upheld by Thee, I shall not fall,
My Lord, my Life, my Strength, my All.

And as I ever onward go,
May I learn *more and more* of Thee
And in Thy lovely image grow,
Till others shall the likeness see;
And be it still my highest aim
To sound the praises of Thy name.

And may the light of Thine own love
Shine over all the path below;
Adding new brightness to each joy,
And gilding even pain and woe;
May it inspire, and help me still,
To *do*, or *suffer* all Thy will.

And so I ask Thee all the year,
Dear Master, still to hold my hand;
To counsel, guide, and lead me on,
Towards that bright, and better land,
Where earthly shadows fade away,
Lost in the light of *endless day*.

And when at last I safely reach,
The blessed home prepared for me,
And with the ransomed, white robed throng,
Thee, face to face, my Saviour see;
I'll join the glorious song of praise;
For Thy *redeeming, keeping*, grace.

Calendar Explanations and Notices.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1907.

In the year 1907 there will be Four Eclipses: Two of the Sun and Two of the Moon.

THE FIRST IS A TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE SUN, January 14, at 1 o'clock, 14 minutes in the morning. Therefore invisible here. Visible to Eastern Europe and Africa, and in Asia.

THE SECOND IS A PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON, January 29th, at 7 o'clock, 06 minutes in the morning. Partly visible here, as the moon sets eclipsed. Visible generally in North America, the Pacific Ocean, central and eastern Asia, and in Australia.

THE THIRD IS AN ANNULAR ECLIPSE OF THE SUN, July 10th, at 2 o'clock, 03 minutes in the afternoon. Invisible here. Visible to South America, the Atlantic Ocean, and south-western Africa.

THE FOURTH IS A PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON, July 24, 25th. Visible here. Visible also in central and western Europe, in Africa, South America, and in North America, except in north-west portions.

	Eastern States.	Central States.	Western States.
Moon enters Shadow	(24) at 10.16 p. m.	9.56 p. m.	9.16 p. m.
Middle of the Eclipse	(24) at 11.24 p. m.	11.04 p m.	10.24 p. m.
Moon leaves Shadow	(25) at 12.43 a. m.	12.23 a. m.	(24) 11.43 p. m.

There will be a transit of Mercury over the Sun's disk, November 14th, at 7 o'clock in the morning. The Sun rises with a black, round dot crossing its face.

Movable Feasts.

Shrove Tuesday,	February 12.
Ash Wednesday,	February 13.
Palm Sunday,	March 24.
Good Friday,	March 29.
Easter Sunday,	March 31.
Ascension Day,	May 9.
Whit Sunday,	May 19.
Trinity Sunday,	May 26.
Corpus Christi,	May 30.
Sundays after Trinity are	26.
First Sunday in Advent,	December 1

Chronological Cycles.

Dominical Letter,	F.
Epact,	16.
Lunar Cycle,	8.
Solar Cycle,	12.
Roman Indiction,	5.
Julian Period,	6620.

THE EMBER DAYS.

1st. February 20.	3rd. September 18.
2nd. May 22.	4th. December 18.

In the Jewish Era the year 5668 commences at sunset on September 9th, 1907.
In the Mohammedan Era the year 1325 begins on the 14th of February, 1907.
Mercury (☿) is called the Ruling Planet this year.

The Four Seasons or Cardinal Points.

Spring Commences—March 21st, at 1.20 in the evening.
Summer Commences—June 22nd, at 9.30 in the morning.
Autumn Commences—September 23rd, at 12.00 at noon.
Winter Commences—December 22nd, at 7.10 in the evening.

☞The Calculations in this Almanac are made to Solar or Apparent Time.

L. J. HEATWOLE, DALE ENTERPRISE, VA.

1st Month. # JANUARY. 31 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun slo m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m
1	Tues	God the Judge. Matt. 25: 31-46.	1 12	8 20	♑	Sirius sou 11.52 ♌	4	7 23	4 37
2	Wed	God provides and sustains. Isa. 41: 10-20.	2 01	9 16	♑	♂ Ψ ☉, ⊕ in Perihelion	4	7 23	4 37
3	Thur	God's handiwork. Ps. 19.	2 49	9 52	♒	Arcturus sou 2.10	5	7 23	4 37
4	Frid	The fool denies God. Ps. 14.	3 36	10 42	♒	♀ Greatest Brilliancy	5	7 22	4 38
5	Sat	Flee from idolatry. 1 Cor. 10: 1-15.	4 22	11 32	♓	7∗ souths 8.38	6	7 22	4 38
1.		**God the Creator.** Gen. 1: 1-25. First Sunday after New Year. Matt. 2: 13-23: 1 Pet. 4: 12-19.				**Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 minutes**			
6	**Sun**	God the creator. Gen. 1: 1-25.	5 09	11 59	♓	Pollux sou 12.34 ♉	6	7 21	4 39
7	Mon	Man's dominion. Ps. 8.	5 59	morn	♈	☾ ♀ in Perihelion	7	7 20	4 40
8	Tues	The frailty of human life. Ps. 90: 1-12.	6 45	12 52	♈	☾ Orion sou 10.12	7	7 20	4 40
9	Wed	Man a sinner. Rom. 1: 17-32.	7 36	1 41	♉	♂ ♂ ☾ Capella so 9.52	7	7 19	4 41
10	Thur	God no respector of persons. Rom. 2: 1-13.	8 31	2 34	♉	♂ rises 2.30	8	7 19	4 41
11	Frid	The Creator to be remembered. Eccl. 12: 1-10	9 30	3 47	♊	♂ ♀ ☾, ♀ rises 3.28 ♋	8	7 18	4 42
12	Sat	The new man in Christ. Eph. 2: 13-22.	10 32	4 50	♊	♂ ☿ ♅, ☾ in Perigee	9	7 18	4 42
2.		**Man Made in the Image of God.** Gen. 1: 26—2; 3. 1st Sunday after Epiphany. Luke 2: 41-52: Rom. 12: 1-6.				**Day's Length, 9 hours, 24 minutes**			
13	**Sun**	Man made in the image of God. Gen. 1: 26-2:3	11 34	5 48	♊	♂ ♅ ☾, ♂ ☿ ☾, ☾ in ♉	9	7 17	4 43
14	Mon	Shiloh promised. Gen. 49: 8-13.	12 38	sets	♋	☉ Eclip'd Inv.	9	7 17	4 43
15	Tues	A prophet like unto Moses. Deut. 18: 15-22.	1 37	6 27	♋	7∗ souths 7.45	10	7 16	4 44
16	Wed	The day of His coming. Mal. 3: 1-6.	2 33	7 35	♌	Spica rises 5.23.	10	7 15	4 45
17	Thur	The blessings He will bring. Isa. 35: 1-10.	3 25	8 34	♌	♂ ♄ ☾, ♄ sets 8.26	11	7 14	4 46
18	Frid	The cost of his coming. Isa. 53: 4-12.	4 13	9 33	♌	Regulus sets 7.14	11	7 13	4 47
19	Sat	The birth of the Saviour. Luke 2: 4-16.	5 00	10 30	♍	Orion so 9.45 ♎	11	7 12	4 48
3.		**Man's Sin and God's Promise.** Gen. 3: 1-6: 13-15. 2nd Sunday after Epiphany. John 2: 1-11; Rom. 12: 7-16.				**Day's Length, 9 hours, 36 minutes**			
20	**Sun**	Man's sin and God's promise. Gen.3: 1-6; 13-15	5 44	11 30	♍	Sirius sou 10.28	12	7 11	4 49
21	Mon	The song of Lamech. Gen. 4: 18-25.	6 28	morn	♍	☾ Procy so 11.16	12	7 11	4 49
22	Tues	A brother's evil works. 1 Jno. 3: 8-15.	7 12	12 04	♍	☾ Canopus so 10.17	12	7 10	4 50
23	Wed	The way of Cain. Jude 11-19.	7 57	12 56	♎	Rigel sou 8.57	12	7 09	4 51
24	Thur	The faith of Abel. Heb. 11: 1-5.	8 42	1 18	♎	Capella so 8.41	12	7 08	4 52
25	Frid	The blood of righteous Abel. Matt. 23: 34-39.	9 30	2 21	♏	7∗ souths 7.07 ♎	13	7 07	4 53
26	Sat	The better things than Abel. Heb. 12: 22-29.	10 18	3 37	♏	♂ ♃ ☾, ♃ sets 3 35	13	7 06	4 54
4.		**The Story of Cain and Abel.** Gen. 4: 3-15. Septuagesima Matt. 20: 1-16: 1 Cor. 9: 24; 10: 5.				**Day's Length, 9 hours, 48 minutes**			
27	**Sun**	The story of Cain and Abel. Gen. 4: 3-15.	11 07	4 34	♐	♂ Ψ ☾	3	7 05	4 55
28	Mon	Saved from the fiery furnace. Danl. 3: 19-30.	11 57	5 38	♐	Spica ris 9.05	3	7 04	4 56
29	Tues	Saved as by fire. 1 Cor. 3: 11-23.	morn	rises	♑	☾ Eclip. Vis.	3	7 03	4 57
30	Wed	Our protector. Ps. 34: 1-22.	12 45	6 14	♑	Arct. ris 10.05	14	7 02	4 58
31	Thur	The Saviour of Men. 1 Tim. 1: 15-19.	1 34	7 33	♒	Sirius sou 9.45	14	7 01	4 59

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
Last Quarter	on the 7th at 9 39 morn	8 59 morn	8 19 morn
New Moon	" " 14th " 12 49 morn	12 09 morn	(13) 11 29 even
First Quarter	" " 21st " 2 54 morn	2 14 morn	1 34 morn
Full Moon	" " 29th " 8 37 morn	7 57 morn	7 17 morn

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR PRAYER MEETING TOPICS.

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January 6. Beginning with God, and continuing with Him. Gen. 1: 1; John 1: 1-14; 15: 4-7. (Consecration meeting.)

" 13. How God's image is preserved in us—or lost. Gen. 1: 26; Col. 3: 1.10. (A temperance topic.)

" 20. "More than conquerors." The victory over temptation. Gen. 3: 4-6; Matt. 26: 41; Rom. 8: 37.

" 27. Home missions: The progress of the Indian. Isa. 43: 16-21.

Alternate Topic:—Our lives for others. 1 John 3: 13-16.

The Mennonite Home Located at Frederick, Montgomery Co., Pa.

TENTH ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of Managers gratefully acknowledging the Divine favor under which they were permitted to carry forward the work of the Home during another year, submitted their report to the conference at its annual meeting in May. By resolution of conference the publication of the report was directed to be made through the pages of the Year Book, as it now appears below. The financial statements are unchanged and cover the year from May 1, 1905, to May 1, 1906, while in other respects the information to be conveyed has been brought up to the time of going to press, about the middle of July.

Since the printing of the last report there has been no death in the Home family, and the state of health has on the whole been good considering the advanced age of the members and the chronic ailments to which a number of them have been subject for years. There is much cause for gratitude in this respect.

To the number of inmates (eleven) reported last year two have been added. These are: Theophilus Shaw, of Philadelphia, admitted by action of the Board bearing date September 9th, 1905; and Miss Elemina Stahler, of Emaus, Pa., admitted in June, 1906. This brings the number of our wards to thirteen.

By permission of the Board, Miss Catharine Leber, member of the First Mennonite church of Philadelphia, spent some time at the Home while convalescing from the effects of a serious operation. The rest, the pure air, and the general delightful surroundings which the home afforded her, proved very beneficial to her. She rapidly regained strength and was enabled to go to her work as a trained nurse. Her stay among them is very pleasantly remembered by the Home family. Her cheerful, Christian spirit shed a benign influence upon the atmosphere of the Home.

Brother and Sister Zuschnitt, with their daughter, continue in the work and care of the Home. Their service has been highly satisfactory in every way and we hold them in high esteem for their unstinted efforts and their watchful interest for the good of the institution and its inmates. We commend them and all at the Home to the continued intercession of the praying friends of the cause. May God's gracious favor continue to smile on the institution which with the years and the accumulating experiences grows upon our affections.

Several important repairs were found necessary. The house needed painting on the outside and a new heater with larger capacity had to be put in. Also a new pump for the well and a new floor which was raised even with the floor of the porch, thus adding greatly to the appearance and more to the convenience in getting water from the well. Then too a number of fire extinguishers were placed throughout the building as a precaution against danger from this source.

By the increased contributions from the congregations and the friends of the Home supplementing the receipts from inmates admitted, the Board was enabled to meet the heavy expenses thus entailed and still have the satisfaction to report a little increase in the treasury balance. May the generous contributions continue to grow as the Lord may lay it upon the hearts of the people to have a share in this good work.

Two friends of the Home who prefer to have their names withheld have given their pledges, one for the entire cost of a porch along the front of the building, and the other for a liberal sum toward the cost of extending the porch along the north side. The building of this porch is in progress as this report is being written. There is still opportunity for others to have a share in this beautifying and useful addition to the Home. Would-be donors can take any one of the Board into their confidence in this matter.

The anniversary held on September 7th was well attended as usual, We are glad the people of our congregations as well as other friends of the Home, take such a lively interest in these annual gatherings. Addresses were delivered on that occasion by Rev. Copenhaver, Lutheran pastor at Macungie; Rev. F. A. Gilbert, of Philadelphia, pastor of a Methodist Episcopal church, and Rev. H. J. Krehbiel, pastor of a Mennonite church at Trenton, Ohio.

2nd Month. # FEBRUARY. 28 Days

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun slo m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m.
1	Frid	Saved by a look. Num. 21: 4-9.	2 24	8 38	♐	Castor souths 10.42 ♋	14	6 59	5 01
2	Sat	Christ the Saviour. John 3: 14-21.	3 07	9 50	♐	♂ ☿ ☉ Superior ♌	14	6 58	5 02
5		**Noah Saved in the Ark.** Genesis 8: 1-16. Sexagesima Luke 8: 4-15: 2 Cor. 11: 19; 12: 9				**Day's Length, 10 hours, 04 minutes**			
3	**Sun**	Noah saved in the Ark. Gen. 8: 1-16.	3 54	10 52	♑	☿ Gr Hel Lat S	14	6 57	5 03
4	Mon	The call of Gideon. Judges 6: 11-24.	4 42	11 50	♑	Orion souths 8.55	14	6 56	5 04
5	Tues	The call of Samuel. 1 Sam. 3: 1-10.	5 31	morn	♐	Arct rises 9.41	14	6 55	5 05
6	Wed	The call of Isaiah. Isa. 6: 1-13.	6 23	12 47	♐	♂ ♂ ☾ Pol.so 10.40	14	6 54	5 06
7	Thur	The call of the Disciples. John 1: 35-51.	7 18	1 45	♐	♃ in ♌ ☽	14	6 53	5 07
8	Frid	The call of Matthew. Matt. 9: 9-13.	8 16	2 42	♑	Rigel souths 9.45	15	6 52	5 08
9	Sat	The call of Saul. Acts 9: 1-18.	9 17	3 34	♑	♀ Gr Elong W ♂ ♀ ☾	15	6 51	5 09
6.		**Abram Called to be a Blessing.** Genesis 12: 1-8. Quinquagesima. Luke 18: 31-43; 1 Cor. 13: 1-13.				**Day's Length, 10 hours, 18 minutes**			
10	**Sun**	Abraham called to be a blessing. Gen. 12: 1-8.	10 18	4 28	♑	♂ ♅ ☾ ☾ in Perigee	15	6 49	5 11
11	Mon	The people's choice. Josh. 24: 14-25.	11 18	5 20	♑	7∗ souths 6.05 in	15	6 48	5 12
12	Tues	Solomon's choice. 1 Kings 3: 5-15.	12 16	sets	♑	Antares ris 3.14	15	6 47	5 13
13	Wed	An evil choice. Jer. 8: 1-3.	1 11	6 23	♒	♂ ☿ ☾ Spi. so 3.50	14	6 45	5 15
14	Thur	Mary's choice. Luke 10: 38-42.	2 02	7 34	♒	♂ ♄ ☾	14	6 44	5 16
15	Frid	Demas' choice. II Tim. 4: 1-11.	2 50	8 37	♒	Canopus so. 8.37 ♌	14	6 43	5 17
16	Sat	Chosen by Christ. John 15: 14-27.	3 36	9 28	♒	Orion souths 7.45	14	6 42	5 18
7.		**Lot's Choice.** Genesis 13: 1-13. 1st Sunday in Lent. Matt. 4: 1-11: 2 Cor. 6: 1-10				**Day's Length, 10 hours, 36 minutes**			
17	**Sun**	Lot's choice. Gen. 13: 1-13.	4 21	10 16	♒	Sirius sou 8.36	14	6 41	5 19
18	Mon	Covenants with Adam and Noah. Gen. 2:16,17. Gen. 9:8-17	5 06	11 24	♒	Andromeda sets 9.42	14	6 39	5 21
19	Tues	The covenant of day and night. Jer. 33: 17-26.	5 51	morn	♒	Pol s.9.44 ☉ Ent ♓	14	6 38	5 22
20	Wed	The covenant transgressed. Hosea 6: 4-11.	6 37	12 20	♈	Arct rises 8.44	14	6 38	5 22
21	Thur	The covenant of obediance. Isa. 1: 16-20.	7 24	1 46	♈	♂ ☿ ♄, ☾ in Apogee ♈	14	6 35	5 25
22	Frid	The better covenant. Heb. 8: 6-13.	8 11	2 47	♓	♂ ♃ ☾ ☿ in ♌	14	6 34	5 26
23	Sat	The new covenant. Heb. 10: 1-25.	9 00	3 25	♓	♂ ♆ ☾ Antares ris 2.26	14	6 33	5 27
8.		**God's Covenant with Abram.** Genesis 15; 1; 5-16. Second Sunday in Lent. Matt. 15: 21-28: 1 Thess. 4: 1-8.				**Day's Length, 10 hours, 54 minutes**			
24	**Sun**	God's covenant with Abram. Gen. 15: 1; 5-16.	9 50	4 15	♑	Capella souths 6.50	13	6 32	5 28
25	Mon	Esther pleading for her people. Esth. 7: 1-6.	10 39	4 50	♑	♃ Stationary	13	6 30	5 30
26	Tues	Moses prayeth for Israel. Exod. 32: 30-38.	11 28	5 21	♑	7∗ sets 10 46 in	13	6 29	5 31
27	Wed	God expostulates with His people. Jer. 2: 1-8.	11 59	5 59	♑	☿ in Perihi 10.58	13	6 28	5 32
28	Thur	The Lord pleads with His people. Ezek. 20: 32-45.	morn	rises	♑	Regulus so. 10.58	13	6 27	5 33

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
Last Quarter	on the 5th " 7 44 even	7 04 even	6 24 even
New Moon	" " 12th " 12 35 even	11 55 morn	11 15 morn
First Quarter	" " 19th " 11 27 even	10 47 even	10 07 even
Full Moon	" " 28th " 1 15 morn	12 35 morn	(27) 11 55 even

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February 3. What Christian Endeavor means, to me and to the world. Phil. 2: 1-18. Christian Endeavor Day. (Consecration meeting.)

" 10. Lessons from the Patriarchs. I. Noah. Heb. 11: 7; 2 Pet. 2: 4-9; 1 Pet. 3: 17-22.

" 17. An easy life *versus* a hard one. 2 Tim. 2: 1-13.

" 24. Foreign missions: The Kingdom in the Islands. Isa. 42: 10-13, 16, 17.

Alternate Topic:—The splendid gain of high ideals. Ps. 40: 5-11.

The date chosen for the anniversary this year, 1906, is Saturday, September 15th, by which time the books in which this report will appear are expected to be ready for distribution.

The home was remembered in the last will and testament of Brother Aaron S. Moyer, deceased, of Quakertown. The form in which the bequest is made directs the money to be invested and the interest thereof used for the benefit of the Home. It thus becomes a part of a fund for the perpetual support of the work. May the good example of our deceased brother invite many another to help in swelling this fund for the permanent endowment of the institution.

The outlay of money to cover the expenses for one year (May, 1905, to May, 1906,) may, with only approximate exactness, however, be classified as follows:

EXPENSES.

Salary	$300 00
Repairs and Improvements	525 96
Fuel	133 28
Groceries and General Provisions	173 77
Meats of different kinds	109 11
Bread and Cakes	79 39
Butter	58 45
Milk	34 74
Clothing	28 20
Other small dry goods items	4 34
Furnishing	56 55
Lighting	13 34
Soap and other Laundry necessities	10 37
Utensils for use about the place	15 12
Medicine and Medical attendance	20 76
Burial Expenses.	49 30
Legal advice and service	15 50
Stationery and Printing	18 25
Feed and Bedding	94 11
Garden and Truck Patch	8 81
Shoats	13 50
Expense on Wagon, Harness, etc.	24 01
Freight and Expressage	5 15
Allowance to Inmates	9 00
Hymn Books	10 00
Telephone Service	9 77
Postage	2 68
Travelling Expenses	6 80
Sundry Items Unclassified	26 42
Total,	$1856 71

The above expenses were met as follows:

By orders on the Treasurer		$1803 06
By credit for things sold:		
Eggs,	$ 0 30	
Chickens,	18 55	
Other Produce,	4 84	
Lounge,	1 00	
Empty Barrel,	75	
Carcass of Horse,	25	
		45 69
Receipts from Visitors by Supt.		2 00
Collections at Services		5 58
Balance from Flag Fund*		38
		$1856 71

*The Superintendent collected money for the purchase of a new flag, $11.25. The flag cost $10 87.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

DR.

Cash in Bank May 1, 1905,	$ 89 46	
Received from Fin. Sec.,	2055 09	
		$2144 55

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Paid order 465 of previous year,	$ 35 75	
" " 468, 522, for this year,	1803 06	
Balance in Bank, May 1, 1906,	305 74	
		$2144 55

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL SECRETARY.

Cash on hand May 1, 1905	10 52
Contribntions received during year	499 93
Interest on Money in Bank.	7 53
Interest on Money loaned out	8 00
Collection at the Anniversary.	61 08
Other Receipts at Anniversary	97 78
Received on Inmates Account	1570 25
	$2055 09
Forwarded to the Treasurer	2055 09

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS ITEMIZED.

From Congregations.—Deep Run, $12.00; Souderton, $15 00; Springfield, $38.25; Saucon, $10.00; West Swamp, $24.00; Upper Milford, $28.00; Quakertown, $19.00; East Swamp, $16 00; Flatland, $19.50; Germantown, $5.00; First Phila., $131.65; Second Phila., $7.70; Hereford, $44.75.

From Individuals and other sources—A. K. Shutt, $1.00; W. S. Gotshall, $3.74; U. S. Stauffer, $3.00; A. F. Steyer, $2.00; Mrs. Chas. E. Wren, $1.00; J. G. Stauffer, $1.00; a friend of the last named, $5.00; Schwenksville Congregation, for

3rd Month

MARCH.

31 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun slo m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m.
1	Frid	Christ interceding for His disciples. Jno. 16: 1-26	12 04	8 34	♐	☿ Gr Elong E	13	6 25	5 35
2	Sat	Our Mediator. Heb. 12: 1–29.	1 51	9 20	♐	Antares sets 8.56	12	6 24	5 36
9.		**Abraham Pleading for Sodom.** Gen. 18: 16-33.	3rd Sunday in Lent. Luke 11: 14-28; Eph. 5: 1-9.			**Day's Length, 11 hours, 12 minutes**			
3	**Sun**	Abraham pleading for Sodom. Gen. 18: 16–33	2 39	10 15	♋	Castor Souths 8.44	11	6 22	5 38
4	Mon	Peace like a river. Isa. 66: 12–18.	3 29	10 57	♋	Regulus sou 11.00	11	6 21	5 39
5	Tues	The prince of peace. Isa. 9: 1–7.	4 20	11 56	♋	Procyon sou 8.42	11	6 20	5 40
6	Wed	The peace of God. Phil. 4: 1–9.	5 13	morn	♋	7✳ sets 12.07 ☽	11	6 18	5 42
7	Thur	The peace offering. Lev. 3: 1–17.	6 10	12 27	♋	7) Spica so 7.22	11	6 17	5 43
8	Frid	Peace through Christ. Eph. 2: 13–22.	7 08	1 26	♋	☿ Stationary	11	6 16	5 44
9	Sat	Peace, the fruit of the Spirit. Rom. 14: 17–23.	8 07	2 22	♌	♂ ♄ ☉ ♂ ☿ ☾, ☽ in Per	11	6 14	5 46
10.		**Isaac a Lover of Peace.** Gen. 26: 12-25.	4th Sunday in Lent. John 6: 1-15; Gal. 4: 21-31.			**Day's Length, 11 hours, 32 minutes**			
10	**Sun**	Isaac a lover of peace. Gen. 26: 12–25.	9 06	3 21	♌	□ ♂ ☉. ♂ ♀ ☾, ☾ in ♍	10	6 13	5 47
11	Mon	Brothers who led their nation. Exod. 4: 27–31	10 03	4 15	♌	Andromeda se 8.18	10	6 12	5 48
12	Tues	The Prodical and his brother. Luke 15: 11–32	10 58	5 03	♌	Arct. ris 7.26	10	6 10	5 50
13	Wed	Simon Peter and his brother. John 1: 35–42.	11 00	5 43	♌	♂ ♄ ☾, Castor so 7.59	10	6 09	5 51
14	Thur	The death of the Lord's brother. Acts 12: 1–7	12 39	sets	♌	14) ♂ ☿ ☾	9	6 08	5 52
15	Frid	A brother's forgiveness. Matt. 5: 21–26.	1 26	6 52	♌	Vega ris 10.07 ♎	9	6 06	5 54
16	Sat	Christ's brother and sister. Matt. 12: 46–50.	2 12	7 48	♌	Orion sets 12.28	8	6 05	5 55
11.		**Jacob and Esau.** Gen. 27: 15-23: 41-45.	5th Sunday in Lent. John 8: 46-59; Heb. 9: 11: 15.			**Day's Length, 11 hours, 50 minutes**			
17	**Sun**	Jacob and Esau. Gen. 27: 15–23; 41–45.	2 58	8 27	♌	Spica sets 8.06	8	6 04	5 56
18	Mon	Consider diligently. Prov. 23: 1–8.	3 43	9 29	♍	♂ ☿ ☉ Inferior	8	6 03	5 57
19	Tues	Keeping the body under. 1 Cor. 9: 19–27.	4 29	10 24	♍	7✳ sets 11.13 ♏	8	6 02	5 58
20	Wed	The spirit against the flesh. Gal. 5: 16–26.	5 16	11 17	♎	Altair rises 2 38	7	6 01	5 59
21	Thur	Not drunk but spirit-filled. Eph. 5: 7–21.	6 04	morn	♎	☉ ent ♑ spr beg	7	6 00	6 00
22	Frid	The sober man. Tit. 1: 7–16.	6 52	12 18	♏	♂ Ψ ☾, Pol se 7.16	6	5 58	6 02
23	Sat	Partakers of the divine nature. 2 Pet. 1: 4–11	7 41	1 20	♏	□ 24 ☉, ♂ ☿ ♄	6	5 57	6 03
12.		**Woes of Drunkenness.** Isaiah 28: 7-13.	Palm Sunday. Matt. 21: 1-9; Phil. 2: 5-11.			**Day's Length, 12 hours, 06 minutes**			
24	**Sun**	Woes of drunkenness. Isa. 28: 7–15.	8 30	2 18	♐	Vega ris 9.31	6	5 56	6 04
25	Mon	I know. Job 19: 22–29.	9 19	3 11	♐	Sirius sets 11.20	6	5 55	6 05
26	Tues	God will redeem the soul. Ps. 49: 1–20.	10 07	3 58	♐	Regulus sou 9.37	5	5 53	6 07
27	Wed	The dead shall live. Isa. 26: 12–19.	10 55	4 41	♐	♀ in ♍	5	5 52	6 08
28	Thur	The power of the Resurrection. Eph. 3: 7–27.	11 43	5 19	♐	Orion sets 11.45	5	5 50	6 10
29	Frid	The spirit of him that raised up Jesus. Rom 8:1-18	morn	rises	♋	29 ♂ in ♍ ♍	4	5 49	6 11
30	Sat	The resurrection of Jesus. Luke 24: 1-12.	12 32	7 21	♋	☿ Stationary	4	5 48	6 12
13.		**Easter Lesson.** 1 Cor. 15: 12-21; 55-58.	Easter Sunday. Mark 16: 1-18; 1 Cor. 5: 6-8.			**Days Length, 12 hours, 24 minutes**			
31	**Sun**	Easter lesson. 1 Cor. 15: 12-21; 55-58.	1 22	8 36	♐	□ Ψ ☾, Arct so 1.35	4	5 47	6 13

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
Last Quarter	on the 7th at 3 34 morn	2 54 morn	2 14 morn
New Moon	" " 14th " 12 57 morn	12 17 morn	(13) 11 37 even
First Quarter	" " 21st " 8 02 morn	7 12 morn	6 32 morn
Full Moon	" " 29th " 2 36 even	1 56 even	1 16 even

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March 3. Being honest with yourself and God. Luke 12: 1-3; Josh. 24: 14. (Consecration meeting.)

" 10. Lessons from the Patriarchs. II Abraham. Heb. 11: 8-19.

" 17. What is success? Prov. 3: 1-18.

" 24. Things you have learned from noble men and women outside the Bible. 1 Thess. 1: 2-8.

" 31. Home missions: The progress of the Afro-American. Ps. 116: 16-19.

Alternate Topic:—Easter through the year. Col. 3: 1-4.

cheese used at a previous anniversary, $3.45; A. T. B. Stauffer, $2.00; Mary Ziegler, $5.00; D. L., $15.00; Eli Fretz, $5.00; Waite, Thresher & Co., $5.00; the H. F. Barrows Co., $5.00; Walter E. Haywood, $5.00; Mary A. Geiger, $20.00; Otto Eisenlohr, $20.00; H. S. Borneman, $15 00; Rev. S. M. Musselman, $3.00; Lewis Campbell, $5.00; put in offering box at the Home, $3.89.

DONATIONS OF PROVISIONS, ETC.

Each of the following donated towards purchasing a U. S. flag for the Home: M. M. Kremer, $1; cash, 50c; I. W. Stettler, $1; N. W. Stettler, $1; H. B. Boyer, 50c; Philip Grubb, 50c; Oscar Pflieger, 50c; I. S. Stettler, 50c; G. A. Weida, M. D., $I; Mrs. I. W. Stettler, $1; M. H. De Haven, 50c; Wm. Hunsberger, 50c; W. H. Keyser, 25c; H. B. Kratz, $1; Calvin Fox, 50c; H. W. William, 50c; Emanuel Hoffman, 50c.

Provisions:—A neighbor, 1 basket apples, 60 celery plants, 3 baskets apples and pears; Mrs. I. S. Stettler, 3 mess salad, lot strawberries, 1 peck beans; Mrs. Henry Boyer, lot celery plants; Mrs. I. W. Stettler, 1 basket apples, lot parsnip cannies and tomato plants, lot seed beans, 1 bushel elderberries, 1 bushel Bartlet pears, 1 peck red beats, 1 peck plums; Mrs. Emanuel Hoffman, lot rhubarb, 4 baskets apples, lot onions, 250 cabbage plants, 9 head cabbage, lot salad; Emanuel Hoffman, mowing grass with machine; Mrs. H N. Singmaster, 4 pieces soap, 2 boxes boraxine, 1 box starch, 1 box talcum powder, 1 dozen oranges, 2 lbs. tapioca; Nathan Umstead, 2 lots salad, 9 boxes strawberries, 315 strawberry plants, 1 qt. onion sets; Benjamin Bertolet, 4 baskets crab apples, ½ bushel pears; Mr. Neidig, 2 cans chow chow; John Bechtel, Clement Bechtel, Eli Oberholtzer, Elmer Oberholtzer, H. H. Stauffer, I. W. Stettler, Jas. Little, Joseph Wile, Henry Swinehart, Henry Reinert, Jonathan Gilbert, Jonathan Brendlinger, George Kulp each donated hauling 1 load of coal from Bechtelsville, and Emanuel Hoffman 2 loads.

Bertolet's Congregation:—Mr. J. B. Bertolet, 4 lbs. granulated sugar; J. B. Gilbert, 2 bushels oats, 1 jar pickled cabbage, 1 jar apple sauce, 2 lbs. coffee, 2 lbs. sugar, 1 box grapes, 1 fancy cake; Isaac Hunsberger, 7 loaves of bread, 2 lbs. butter, 5 lbs. sugar, 2 bushels oats, 1 bushel potatoes; Mrs. I. W. Stetler, 21 lbs. beef, 4 gallons spiced pears, 6 fancy cakes, 4 quarts cream, ½ bushel potatoes, 1 lb. pepper, 1 bag salt, lot pickled cabbage, 6 lbs. dried peaches, lot red beets, lot grapes, lot pears, 1 gallon gasoline, lot bouquets, 3 qts. milk; Mrs. M. H. DeHaven, 8 lbs. coffee.

Boyertown Congregation:—Mrs. Thomas Renninger, 1 lb. small cakes, 2 lbs. sugar, 1 jar pickled cabbage, 1 jar apple sauce, 1 fancy cake; Mr. Jarias Stauffer, 1 ham, lot honey cakes; Mrs. Will H. Rose, 1 fancy cake, pot of peaches; Mr. J. B. Bechtel, 10 lbs. sugar, lot grapes, lot cakes; Mr. J. B. Wile, 2 bushels oats, 2 gallon milk, 3 cakes, 13 quarts corn, 1 pot pepper-hash, 3 lbs. sugar, lot potatoes.

Frederick and Vicinity:—Mrs. E. Hoffman, 1 cake, 6 quarts milk, 1 pot pickled beans, 3 bouquets; Miss Annie Bartman, lot of milk, 1 bag salt, 2 lbs. sugar, 1 bouquet; Mr. John Knerr, 1 cake; Mrs. Schwenhart, 1 bouquet; Dr. G. A. Weida, 3 fancy cakes, 20 lbs. beef, 1 pot beets, 1 pot preserved peaches, 2 bouquets.

Schwenksville Congregation:—Mr. N. K. Ziegler, 2 bushels oats, 5 quarts corn, 2 cakes; Mrs. I. S. Stetler, 2 fancy cakes, 1 pot pepper hash; Mrs. Johnson, ½ peck pears, 1 bouquet; Mr. Nathan Umstead, 1 quart vinegar, 1 pot pickled cabbage, 16 quarts Lima beans, 1 peck tomatoes, 2 quarts cream, 2 bouquets; Mrs. Maggie Fitzgerald, 5 lbs. granulated sugar; I. S. Smoyer, 10 lbs. sugar, 50 lbs. of flour; M. A. Kratz, 17 lbs. of ham, 11 lbs. beef; Schwenksville Congregation. $18.65 used to purchase eatables; Mr. M. C: Gottshall, 1 bag oats, 1 can chow chow; Mrs. H. Kratz, 4 lbs. granulated sugar, 2 lbs. coffee, 2 lbs. cheese, 2 layer cakes; 1 jelly roll; E. S. Grater, 1 peck beans, 1 peck apples, 1 can corn, 1 can chow chow, 1 can pickles; Mr. J. R. Allebach, 1 ham, 6 lbs. cheese, 8 lbs. sugar, 2 dozen eggs, 1 jar pears, 1 cup jelly, 1 package cream of wheat, 1 fancy cake; Mr. Bossert, 1 bologna, 1 cake.

Jesse Borneman, Limerick, 1 bushel oats, lot of grapes; Lottie Taylor, Spring City, 1 bouquet; Rebecca Hess, Quakertown, 1 quilt; H. D. Detweiler, Souderton, 1 cake, 1 dozen cakes; Mrs. O. F. Hetrick, Souderton, 1 can chow chow, 2 lbs. cheese, 1 lb. coffee; Mrs. Krull, Souderton, tomatoes, cabbage, grapes; Mrs. A. B. Oberholtzer, Bechtelsville, 1 bouquet; Elmer Oberholtzer, Bechtelsville, 1 box grapes, 2 bouquets; Laura B. Bauer, 1 bouquet.

First Church, Phila.—J. K. Loudenslager, 6 lbs. assorted spices; Elmira Bechtel, 5 dozen oranges; Mrs. J. K. Wright, 1 bushel apples; Catharine Lenhart, 50c.

Upper Milford Congregation:—14 bushels oats, 30 bushels corn in cob, 1 bag middlings, 100 lbs.

4th Month. # APRIL. 30 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun slo m.	Sun rise h.m.	Sun sets h.m.
1	Mon	Ezekiel's great vision. Ezek. 37: 1–4	2 14	9 36	♐	Rigel sets 9.57	4	5 44	6 16
2	Tues	Peter's vision. Acts 11: 5–18	3 08	10 38	♐	☿ in ♉, ☾ in Per	4	5 43	6 17
3	Wed	The Pentecostal visions. Acts 2: 14–24	4 05	11 40	♐	□ ♅ ☉ Ant. ris 11.08	3	5 41	6 19
4	Thur	Paul's vision. Acts 26: 12–19	5 03	morn	♐	♂ ♂ ☾ Pro. sou 6.44	3	5 40	6 20
5	Frid	The Transfiguration vision. Matt. 17: 1-11	6 02	12 01	♑	5, 7✳ sets 7.18	3	5 39	6 21
6	Sat	John's vision on Patmos. Rev. 1: 4–22	7 01	1 14	♑	Orion sets 10.42in	2	5 38	6 22
14		**Jacob's Vision and God's Promise** Gen. 28: 1-5; 10-22.	1st Sunday after Easter. John 20: 19-31: 1 John 5: 4-10.			Day's Length. 12 hours, 44 minutes			
7	**Sun**	Jacob's vision and God's promise. Gen. 28: 1-5; 10-22	7 58	2 27	♒	Spica rises 8.40	2	5 37	6 23
8	Mon	Abram's new name. Gen. 17: 1-8	8 52	3 35	♒	Sirius sets 10.34	2	5 35	6 25
9	Tues	Simon called Peter. Matt. 16: 13-20	9 43	4 24	♒	♂ ☿ ♄, ♂ ♀ ☾	1	5 34	6 26
10	Wed	The more excellent name. Heb 1: 1-14	10 32	4 57	♓	♂ ♄ ☾, ♂ ☿ ☾	1	5 33	6 27
11	Thur	The name on the stone. Rev. 2: 13-17	11 19	5 31	♓	Regulus sou 8.40	☉	5 31	6 29
12	Frid	Disciples first called Christians. Acts 11: 19-26	12 05	sets	♓	☿ in Aphelion	F	5 30	6 30
13	Sat	Wearing the Father's name. Rev 14: 1 14	12 50	7 50	♓	Vega rises 8.19	1	5 29	6 31
15.		**God gives Jacob a New Name.** Gen. 32; 9-12; 22-30.	2nd Sunday after Easter. John 10: 12-16: 1 Pet. 2: 21-25.			Day's Length, 13 hours, 02 minutes			
14	**Sun**	God gives Jacob a new name. Gen. 32: 9–12	1 36	8 40	♈	☿ Gr Elong W	1	5 28	6 32
15	Mon	Esau selling his birthright. Gen. 25: 24-34	2 21	9 27	♈	Antares rises 10.22	1	5 27	6 33
16	Tues	The slave girl. 2 Kings 5: 1-6	3 09	9 58	♉	Rigel sets 9.53	1	5 25	6 35
17	Wed	A nation in slavery. Exod. 1: 7-22	3 56	10 47	♉	♅ ☾ Stationary	1	5 24	6 36
18	Thur	Promise of deliverance. Isa. 42: 5-10	4 45	11 34	♊	♂ ♃ ☾, ☾ in Apogee	2	5 23	6 37
19	Frid	The slavery of sin. Rom. 6: 12–18	5 33	morn	♊	Arct. sou 12.36	2	5 21	6 39
20	Sat	In Christ and Free. Rom. 8: 1–10	6 22	12 24	♊	20, ☉ Enters	2	5 20	6 40
16.		**Joseph sold by his Brothers.** Gen. 37: 5-28.	3rd Sunday after Easter. John 16: 16-23: 1 Peter 2: 11-20.			Day's Length, 13 hours, 20 minutes			
21	**Sun**	Joseph sold by his brothers. Gen. 37: 5-28	7 10	1 16	♋	♂ ♀ ♄, Pro. sets 11.54	2	5 19	6 41
22	Mon	Jeremiah imprisoned. Jer. 38: 1–16	7 58	2 10	♋	Aldebaran sets 9.24	2	5 18	6 42
23	Tues	John in prison. Mark 6: 14–29	8 45	2 50	♌	7✳ sets 9.05	2	5 17	6 43
24	Wed	The imprisonment of Peter. Acts. 12: 3–19	9 33	3 23	♌	Sirius sets 9.32	2	5 15	6 45
25	Thur	Paul and Silas in Jail. Acts 16: 16-40	10 21	3 58	♋	Vega rises 7.30	♉	2 5 14	6 46
26	Frid	Faithful to the end. Dan. 12: 3–13	11 10	4 35	♋	Orion sets 9.58	2	5 13	6 47
27	Sat	A crown of life. Rev. 2: 1–10	11 58	5 13	♌	Alphacca sets 1.09	2	5 12	6 48
17.		**Joseph Faithful in Prison.** Gen. 39: 20—40: 15.	4th Sunday after Easter. John 16; 5-16; Jas. 1; 16-21			Day's Length, 13 hours, 36 minutes			
28	**Sun**	Joseph faithful in Prison. Gen. 39: 20-14: 15	morn	rises	♌	28 Rigel sets 8.15	3	5 11	6 49
29	Mon	A friend of the poor. Job. 29: 1–25	12 56	8 28	♌	Antares rises 9.30	3	5 10	6 50
30	Tues	A good ruler and the Lord's day. Heb. 13: 15-22	1 54	9 32	♌	♀ in Aph., ☾ in Peri	3	5 09	6 51

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
Last Quarter	on the 5th " 10.12 morn	9 32 morn	8 52 morn
New Moon	" " 12th " 1 58 even	1 18 even	12 38 even
First Quarter	" " 20th " 3.30 even	2 50 even	2 10 even
Full Moon	" " 28th " 12 57 morn	12 17 morn	(27) 11 37 even

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April 7. The Consecration of one day in seven. Jer. 17: 19-27. (Consecration Meeting.)
" 14. Lessons from the Patriarchs. III. Jacob. Gen. 48: 1-19.
" 21. Wise ways to read wise books. Prov. 4: 1-9.
" 28. Foreign Missions: Christ in the Continent of Asia. Isa. 49: 8-13.

Alternate Topic:—What separatis us from God? Rom. 8: 31-39.

flour, 1 bag dried pears, 1 can lard, 1 box boraxine, 1 lb. coffee, 1 bag corn meal, lot soap, lot tea, 1 bag apples, lot oat meal, 1 bag beans.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Stetler, 5½ lbs. sausage, 2 pans scrapple, 16 oranges, lot apples, cakes and candies for Christmas, 2 pots apple butter, 1 pot peaches, 13 lbs. scrapple, 10 lbs. liver pudding, 3 lbs. sausage, 9 lbs. flitch, 1 pot liver pudding; M. B. Berger & Co., Souderton, 6 pair stockings; William H. Taggert, 2½ bushels apples, 2 pots apple butter, 25 lbs. buckwheat flour; Henry Hallman, 2 pots apple butter; Dr. G. S. Weida, 1 pan scrapple; Mr. and Mrs. E. Hoffman, lot apples, 2 pans scrapple, 2 baskets apples, 2 sets pigs' feet; Mrs. H. N. Singmaster, 1 century plant, 2 lbs rice, 1 lb. tapioca, 4 lbs. coffee; Nathan Umstead, 1 peck apples; William Umstead, 1 box toilet soap; Mrs. John Grubb, 1 bouquet, 2 pumpkins, Mrs. Mary Carichener, 3 glasses mustard; S. M. Shelly, 2 bags corn meal. Towards purchasing new window shades for the Chapel, Dr Weida, 50c; A. S. Shelly, 50c; Isaac Hunsberger, 50c; Morris DeHaven, 50c.

Hereford Congregation:—375 lbs. flour, 3 bushels corn in cob and 1 bag corn, 6 bushels oats, 3 peck potatoes, 3 pots apple butter, 2 pieces dried beef, 4 lbs. sausage, 4 lbs. sugar, 2 lbs. coffee, 1 can lard, 1 piece bacon, 1 pot pudding, 1 jar sausage, 2 lots beans, lot apples, lot dried sweet apples, 1 dozen cans beans, 1 jar pears, 1 jar chow chow, 1 jar raspberries, 2 brooms, 2 boxes rice, 3 cans peas, 3 cans fish, 3 cans corn, 3 boxes soap powder, 6 pieces soap, 3 boxes baking powder, 3 boxes cod fish, 2 cans B. molasses, 2 lbs. cakes, 2 boxes breakfast food, 2 glasses mustard, 1 box corn starch, 1 two-seated family carriage; J. L. Stauffer, lot of planing mill work. Gratefully acknowledged,

JOHN L. BAUER, Financial Secretary.

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The Passing of the Hearthstone.

Few childern of the present day will ever know the solid comfort, rest, and satisfaction which clustered around the old fashioned open fireplaces, with their quaint dog-irons, which used to assume all kinds of shapes, animals, and personages—the tongs which raised many a blue blister on our fingers, and then stood up against the jam and winked their one eye at us; the shovel, which often played the part of a stage-coach, and then that of a sled on which to transport merchandise to foreign markets; and the huge hearthstones, smooth as glass, on which we have gotten many a fall, and where we roasted apples whose flavor has never since been equalled; and where the johnny-cake was baked to a turn, and on whose bosom those good old sweet corn pones were baked in those bakers covered with an iron lid with great shovelfuls of live coals underneath and on the lid; that pile of hot ashes from which those baked potatoes—such potatoes have never since been baked, and where the chestnuts were roasted to a turn—unless we forget, as we sometimes did, to clip a hole in the hull, when there would be an explosion and scattering of nuts, ashes, and people; the great backlog, with a large stick on top of it to help to lead the smoke up the chimney and throw the heat out into the room; the forestick, with its complement of smaller wood and kindling, and to crown it all, a roaring blaze leaped from kindling to dry wood, forestick, small wood, and all far up into the chimney, and sending warmth and good cheer to every corner of the room, where our imagination pictured all kinds of animals, pictures, and dancing figures — Rural World.

5th Month. # MAY. 31 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun set m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m.
1	Wed	The young king. 2 Chron. 1: 7–12	2 54	10 34	♌	☌ ♂ ☿ ☽	3	5 07	6 53
2	Thur	Daniel ruler in Babylon. Dan. 2: 46-49.	3 55	11 36	♌	☌ ☿ ☾, ☿ G. E. L. S.	3	5 06	6 54
3	Frid	Subjection to the higher powers. Rom. 13: 1-6	4 55	Morn	♌	4 Reg. sou. 11.07	3	5 05	6 55
4	Sat	Pray for those in authority. 1 Tim. 2: 1-8	5 54	12 15	♌	Sirius sets 8.50	3	5 04	6 56
18.		**Joseph the Wise Ruler in Egypt.** Gen. 41: 38-49.		5th Sunday after Easter. John 16: 23-30; Jas. 1: 22-27		**Day's Length, 13 hours, 52 minutes**			
5	**Sun**	Joseph the wise ruler in Egypt. Gen. 41: 38-49	6 49	1 00	♍	Spica sets 10.28	3	5 03	6 57
6	Mon	Christ an example of forgiveness. Luke 23: 27-38	7 41	1 41	♍	Antares souths 1.28	4	5 02	6 58
7	Tues	Forgiveness must be limitless. Matt. 18: 15-22	8 30	2 16	♎	☌ ♄ ☾, Altair so. 8.30	4	5 01	6 59
8	Wed	Forgiveness and prayer. Matt. 6: 5-15	9 16	2 48	♎	Alphacca so. 12.21 ♌	4	5 00	7 00
9	Thur	**Ascension Day.** Luke 6: 27-38	10 02	3 17	♎	☌ ♀ ☾, ♀ rises 3.16	4	4 59	7 01
10	Frid	Pardon through Christ's blood. Matt. 26: 26-29	10 46	3 45	♎	☌ ☿ ☾, 7✱ sets 11.56	4	4 58	7 02
11	Sat	Pardon and confession. 1 John 1: 5-10	11 31	4 37	♎	♄ rises 3.20	4	4 57	7 03
19.		**Joseph forgives his Brothers.** Gen. 45: 1-15; 50; 15-21:		6th Sunday after Easter. John 15: 26: 16-4; 1 Pet. 4: 8; 11.		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 06 minutes**			
12	**Sun**	Joseph forgives his brothers. Gen. 45: 1-15; 50:15-21	12 17	Sets	♏	Librae so. 11.46 ♎	4	4 56	7 04
13	Mon	The Psalmist's story of bondage. Psa. 105:23-45	1 03	7 40	♏	Orion sets 8.52	4	4 55	7 05
14	Tues	Stephen's account. Acts 7: 18-36	1 51	8 28	♐	Vega sets 3.05	4	4 54	7 06
15	Wed	Nehemiah's concern. Nehemiah 1: 1-11	2 39	9 14	♐	♃ sets 9.10	4	4 53	7 07
16	Thur	The captive's return. Ezra 1: 1-11	3 37	9 59	♐	☌ ♃ ☾, ☾ in Apogee	4	4 52	7 08
17	Frid	No songs in bondage. Psa. 137	4 16	10 28	♐	☾ in ♌	4	4 51	7 09
18	Sat	Christ's message of freedom. Luke 4: 16-21	5 04	11 17	♑	Spica souths 9.35	4	4 50	7 10
20.		**Israel Enslaved in Egypt.** Exodus 1: 1-14.		Whitsuntide or Pentecost. John 14: 23-31; Acts 2: 1-13.		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 20 minutes**			
19	**Sun**	Whitsuntide. Exod 1: 1-14	5 51	Morn	♑	Procyon sets 10.07	4	4 50	7 10
20	Mon	The child Jesus. Luke 2: 25-52	6 37	12 40	♑	20) Arct. so. 10.06	4	4 49	7 11
21	Tues	The child Samuel. 1 Sam. 3: 1-21	7 24	1 16	♑	☌ ♃ Ψ ☉ enters ♏	3	4 48	7 12
22	Wed	The captive child. II Kings 5: 1-6	8 10	1 41	♒	♀ Gr. Hel. Lat. S.	3	4 47	7 13
23	Thur	The two sons of Abraham. Gal. 4: 22.31	8 58	2 06	♒	Rigel sets 7.32 ♉	3	4 46	7 14
24	Frid	The boy King. II Chron. 34: 1-28	9 48	2 55	♒	☌ ☿ ☉ superior	3	4 46	7 14
25	Sat	Christ and the children. Mark 9: 36, 37; 10: 13-16	10 41	3 27	♓	Regulus souths 10 14	3	4 45	7 15
21.		**Childhood and Education of Moses.** Exodus 2: 1-15.		Trinity Sunday. John 3: 1-15; Rom. 11: 33-36.		**Day's Length. 14 hours, 30 minutes**			
26	**Sun**	Chiidhood and educatiou of Moses. Ex. 2: 1-15	11 37	4 34	♓	☿ in Perihelion	3	4 44	7 16
27	Mon	Noah is called. Gen. 6: 13-22.	Morn	Ris.	♈	Orion sets 7.18 ♑	3	4 43	7 17
28	Tues	The call of Abraham. Gen. 12: 1-8	12 37	8 37	♈	☾ in Perigee	3	4 43	7 17
29	Wed	Call of Jacob. Gen. 28: 1-15	1 40	9 42	♈	☌ ♅ ☾, Vega sets 2.03	3	4 42	7 18
30	Thur	The call of Elisha. 1 Kings 19: 15-21	2 43	10 37	♉	♂ ☌ ☾, ☾ in ♉	3	4 41	7 19
31	Frid	Jonah called. Jonah 1: 1-17	3 45	11 15	♉	♂ rises 11.07	3	4 41	7 19

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES
Last Quarter	on the 4th " 4.45 even	4 05 even	3 25 even
New Moon	" " 12th " 3 51 morn	3 11 morn	2 31 morn
First Quarter	" " 20th " 8.19 morn	7 39 morn	6 59 morn
Full Moon	" " 27th " 9 10 morn	8 30 morn	7 50 morn

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May 5. The power of a contented life. Phil. 4: 10-20. (Consecration meeting.)
" 12. Lessons from the Patriarchs. IV. Joseph. Ps. 105: 16-24.
" 19. Little faults that spoil our lives. Song of Solomon 2: 15.
" 26. Home missions: The progress of the Southern Mountaineers. Isa. 52: 7-12.

Alternate Topic:—The evil of a perverted mind. Titus 1: 15.

Minutes of the 108th Session of the Eastern Mennonite Conference.

Held in the East Swamp Mennonite Church near Quakertown, Pa., May 6–7, 1906.

Communion services were held in the morning with the congregation; W. S. Gottshall conducted the services assisted by A. M. Fretz, A. B. Shelly and Solomon Ott. Sunday-school and meeting for the young people in the afternoon at which addresses were made by F. F. Gabel, H. G. Allebach and A. M. Fretz.

The Conference services were held in the evening. Sermon by the President, S. M. Grubb.

Monday, 9.15 A. M.

The opening devotions were conducted by Bro. Solomon Ott.

The following congregations were represented:

Allentown, 2 votes, W. S. Gottshall, H. S. Kummery.

Boyertown, 1 vote, A. S. Shelly.

Bowmansville, 1 vote, Solomon Ott.

Deep Run, 6 votes, A. M. Fretz, Samuel W. Gross.

East Swamp, 4 votes, A. B Shelly, I. T. Clymer.

Flatland, 2 votes, D. M. Landis.

Germantown, 1 vote, J. W. Bayley

Hereford, 7 votes, A. S. Shelly, J. B. Funk J. L. Bauer

Phila. 1st. Church, 16 votes, N. B. Grubb, J. B. Bechtel.

Phila. 2nd. Church, 4 votes, S. M. Grubb.

Pottstown, 1 vote, A. S. Shelly.

Quakertown, 2 votes, U. S. Stauffer, D. W. Landis.

Schwenksville, 7 votes, M. C. Gottshall, H. G. Allebach.

Saucon, 1 vote, J. S. Moyer.

Springfield, 2 votes, J. S. Moyer, J. M. Landis

Souderton, 5 votes, A. M. Fretz, Wm. G. Moyer.

Upper Milford, 4 votes, M. B. Schantz, Wm. M. Gehman.

West Swamp, 6 votes, A. B. Shelly, Allen Bleam.

Perkasie congregation, with 27 members, organized June 10, 1905, was admitted and represented by W. H. Grubb and Harvey Baum.

Rev. W. Bayley was recognized as delegate from Germantown.

The Brethren F. F. Gabel and H. W. Shelly were granted one vote each.

The minutes of the last session and the special session were read and approved.

The election resulted in the choice of N. B. Grubb as President and W. S. Gottshall as Secretary.

The chair appointed Harvey Baum, U. S. Stauffer and Wm. M. Gehman as auditing committee and A. M. Fretz, S. M. Grubb and Samuel W. Gross as committee on Resolutions.

The Conference treasurer's report showed a balance of $60.83 in hand.

The secretary, financial secretary and treasurer of the Home gave their report. (The report appears elsewhere in the Year Book.) All these reports showed that the Home is in a satisfactory condition.

Wm. M. Gehman, J. B. Bechtel and D. W. Landis were re-elected on the Board of Managers.

The forenoon session closed with prayer by J. S. Moyer.

2 P. M.

Rev. J. W. Bayley conducted the devotions.

The Home Mission Committee reported that Pottstown reverted to the entire care of the committee. After W. S. Gottshall resigned Bro. F. F. Gabel was supplying it until the meeting of this Conference. Allentown has become a part of the Upper Milford charge with W. S. Gottshall as pastor. H. W. Shelly, field secretary, has visited every S. S. but two and reports good work done. Bowmansville was served the same as last year. In Perkasie a congregation was organized with W. H. Grubb as pastor. Bro. E. S. Shelly was recommended as a candidate for license. Bro. Warren Shelly who is preparing for the ministry was recommended to the consideration of Conference.

Resolved, That the matter of Pottstown be referred back to the Committee with full power to act.

6th Month

JUNE.

30 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun fast m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m
1	Sat	Amos called to prophesy. Amos 1: 1-5; 7: 14,15	4 43	11 54	♑	Antares sou 11.44 ☽	2	4 40	7 20
22.		**Moses Called to Deliver Israel.** Exodus 3: 1-14.		**1st Sunday after Trinity.** Luke 16: 19-31; 1 John 4: 16-21		**Days Length, 14 hours, 38 minutes**			
2	**Sun**	Moses called to deliver Israel. Ex. 3: 1–14	5 57	morn	♑	Vega sets 1.46	2	4 40	7 20
3	Mon	Laws relating to the Passover. Lev. 23: 4-8; Num. 9: 1-14	6 28	12 47	♑	☾ ☌ ♄ ☾, ♄ ris 1.04	2	4 39	7 21
4	Tues	The Passover under Joshua. Josh. 5: 10-15	7 16	1 40	♐	Spica souths 1.27	2	4 38	7 22
5	Wed	Hezekiah keeps the Passover. II Chron. 30: 13-27	8 01	2 17	♐	☿ Gr H. L. N. sta ♌	2	4 38	7 22
6	Thur	Josiah celebrates the Passover. II Kings 23: 15-23	8 45	2 54	♐	Regulus sets 11.46	2	4 37	7 23
7	Frid	Passover in the time of Ezra. Ezra 6: 16-22	9 30	3 16	♐	Aldebaran sets 9.29	1	4 37	7 23
8	Sat	Christ our Passover. 1 Cor. 5: 6–13	10 14	3 47	♑	☌ ♀ ☾, ♀ rises 3.40	1	4 37	7 23
23.		**The Passover.** Exodus 12; 21-30.		**2nd Sunday after Trinity,** Luke 14: 16-24; 1 John 3: 13-18.		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 46 minutes**			
9	**Sun**	The Passover. Exod. 12: 21-30	11 00	4 21	♑	Sirius sets 8.38 ♋	1	4 36	7 24
10	Mon	Jacob escapes from Esau. Gen. 27: 41-46	11 47	sets	♏	Arct souths 8.54	1	4 36	7 24
11	Tues	Peter's escape from prison. Acts 12: 1-20	12 34	8 20	♏	Spica souths 7.50	1	4 36	7 24
12	Wed	The delivery of Jeremiah. Jer. 38: 7–13	1 23	9 16	♐	☌ ☿ ☾, ☾ in Apogee	1	4 35	7 25
13	Thur	Saul escapes from Damascus. Acts 9: 17-25	2 12	10 00	♐	☌ ♃ ☾, ☾ in ♌	☉	4 35	7 25
14	Frid	The escape of the spies. Josh. 2: 1-22	3 00	10 41	♑	♃ sets 10.32	☉	4 35	7 25
15	Sat	The Lord our deliverer. Psa. 40: 1-17.	3 47	11 17	♑	☌ ☿ ♃ Reg. sets 11.00	0	4 35	7 25
24.		**Israel's Escape from Egypt.** Exodus 14; 13-27		**3rd Sunday after Trinity** Luke 15: 1-10; 1 Pet. 5; 6-11		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 50 minutes**			
16	**Sun**	Israel's escape from Egypt. Exod. 14: 13-27	4 33	11 49	♑	7✶ rises 2.36	0	4 35	7 25
17	Mon	Jacob's vision and God's promise. Gen. 28: 1-5; 10-22	5 18	morn	♑	Vega souths 2.44	0	4 35	7 25
18	Tues	Joseph sold by his brothers. Gen. 37: 5-28	6 04	12 56	♏	Spica sets 1.04	0	4 35	7 25
19	Wed	Joseph faithful. Gen. 38: 20–40	6 50	1 18	♏	Pro sets 9.30 ♍	1	4 35	7 25
20	Thur	The childhood of Moses. Exod. 2: 1-15	7 37	1 48	♏	Arcturus sou 8.14	1	4 35	7 25
21	Frid	The call of Moses. Exod. 3: 1-14	8 25	2 20	♐	Andromeda ris 10.08	1	4 35	7 25
22	Sat	The Passover. Exod. 12: 21-30	9 20	2 56	♐	☉ En. ♏ Long. day	2	4 34	7 26
25.		**Review.** (Read Psa. 106: 1-12)		**4th Sunday after Trinity** Luke 6: 36-42; Rom. 8: 18-23		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 52 minutes**			
23	**Sun**	Review. Psa. 106: 1-12	10 17	3 18	♐	Regulus sets 10.38 ♋	2	4 35	7 25
24	Mon	Caution against drunkenness. Luke 21: 33-38	11 19	3 54	♐	Pollux sets 11.20	2	4 35	7 25
25	Tues	Stumbling blocks. Rom. 4: 13-23	morn	rises	♐	25 ☾ in Perigee	2	4 35	7 25
26	Wed	Walking in the Spirit. Gal. 5: 16: 26	12 23	8 26	♐	☌ ♅ ☾, ☌ ♂ ☽	3	4 35	7 25
27	Thur	Luxury and strong drink. Isa. 5: 11-16	1 27	9 18	♐	☿ Gr Elong E, ☾ in ♍	3	4 35	7 25
28	Frid	Strong drink and God's anger. Isa. 5: 20-25	2 29	10 04	♒	♂ rises 8.20	3	4 36	7 24
29	Sat	The sin of making drunkards. Hab. 2: 9-17	3 28	10 41	♒	☿ in ♍	3	4 36	7 24
26.		**Temperance Lesson.** 1 Cor. 10: 23-33		**5th Sunday after Trinity.** Luke 5; 1-11; 1 Pet. 3: 8-15.		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 48 minutes**			
30	**Sun**	Temperance lesson. 1 Cor. 10: 23-33	4 21	11 13	♍	Spica sets 12.08	3	4 36	7 24

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
Last Quarter	on the 3rd at 12.11 morn	(2nd) 11.31 even	10 51 even
New Moon	" " 10th " 6.42 even	6.02 even	5.22 even
First Quarter	" " 18th " 9.47 even	9.07 even	8.27 even
Full Moon	" " 25th " 4.19 even	3.39 even	2.59 even

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June 2. God's prophets and their messages. Jer. 25: 4-7
" 9. Walking in God's paths. Isa. 2: 1-3.
" 16. Isaiah's song of thanksgiving. (Praise meeting.) Isa. 12: 1-6.
" 23. Christ our Saviour. Isa 53: 1-12.
" 30. Missions in our own land. Isa. 52: 7.

Resolved, That the matter of Bowmansville be referred to the Committee to act in harmony with the congregation.

Resolved, That an Evangelist's license be granted Bro. E. S. Shelly.

Resolved, That applicants for Evangelist's license shall be examined by the Educational Committee.

Resolved, that the matter of Warren Shelly be referred to the Educational Committee to act according to their discretion.

Bro. H. W. Shelly's license was renewed.

S. M. Rosenberger and S. M. Grubb were re-elected as members of the Educational Committee.

W. S. Gottshall was elected a member of the Home Mission Committee.

J. L. Bauer was re-elected Treasurer of Conference.

Wm. M. Gehman was elected on the Program Committee.

The invitation from Germantown to hold the next session of Conference there was accepted.

The Publication Committee reported that the Year Book was printed and by the time all bills are paid there may be no deficit. U. S. Stauffer was re-elected a member of this Committee.

Bro. A. B. Bechtel was re-elected as Treasurer of the Mennonite Home.

Resolved, That the Publication Committee shall publish a Year Book for next year and that they publish blanks for congregational reports.

7.45 P. M.

After the devotions by Bro. Allebach the parochial reports were heard. Perhaps the most encouraging came from Germantowu and showed a revival of conditions there.

The Secretary having left, A. S. Shelly was appointed Secretary pro tem.

$200 was appropriated for Allentown, and $250 for Pottstown.

The Auditing Committee reported that they found all accounts correct.

H. W. Shelly was re-elected S. S. Field Secretary for the ensuing year.

The Committoe on Resolutions reported and they were adopted as follows:

Resolved, That this Conference recommends our church papers, and expresses the conviction that either the "Bundesbote" or "Mennonite" should be found in every home of our people. To this end we would recommend that the Publication Board of the General Conference employ some one to canvass our congregations for subscribers, and in view of the fact that our people read English mostly, special effort should be made to increase the circulation of the Mennonite.

Resolved, That efforts should be made to have contributions of live interest bearing on our church activities and doctrines. Correspondents should be appointed in every congregation to report all matters of interest in the congregation, Sunday-school and Young People's Society, as well as to furnish occasionally articles on special subjects.

Viewing with concern the aggressive measures that the liquor interests are putting forth for continuing and increasing their nefarious business, therefore,

Resolved, That we in our Conference deliberations be equally aggressive in devising ways and means for creating in our churches a sentiment for its overthrow.

Resolved, That this Conference extend to the members of the East Swamp church a vote of heartfelt thanks for their generous hospitality in entertaining this Conference.

Resolved, That Conference recommend to its Publication Committee to insert an epitome of the proceedings of this Conference with the resolutions adopted, in the Year Book.

Conference then adjourned at about 9.45.

N. B. GRUBB. Pres.
W. S. Gottshall, Sec.

A Soap Lake.

Soap Lake, in the state of Washington, is said to be unlike any other, its waters being stronger and containing more mineral matter than the famous Carlsbad waters in Germany. When the head is shampooed with it a white lather is quickly made. The cowboys clean their saddles by throwing them into the lake.

7th Month. # JULY. 31 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun slo m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m
1	Mon	The bread and fishes. Mark 8: 1–9	5 12	11 42	♑	Spica souths 8.54 ☽	4	4 36	7 24
2	Tues	Christ the bread of life. John 6: 27–41	5 59	morn	♑	Arct. sets 2.34 ♌	4	4 36	7 24
3	Wed	The broken bread. 1 Cor. 11: 18–24	6 44	12 10	♑	☾ ♂ ♅ ☉	4	4 37	7 23
4	Thur	The ravens bring food. 1 Kings 17: 1-7	7 29	12 41	♑	Antares souths 9.30	4	4 37	7 23
5	Frid	God feeds the prophet. 1 Kings 19: 5–8	8 13	1 14	♒	♂ ♆ ☽. ⊕in Aphelion	4	4 38	7 22
6	Sat	An ungodly feast. Daniel 5: 1–31	8 58	1 50	♒	♂ ♄ ☉	4	4 38	7 22
27.		**God Feeds Israel in the Wilderness.** Exodus 16: 1-15.		**6th Sunday after Trinity.** Matt. 5: 20-26; Rom. 6: 3-17.		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 44 minutes**			
7	**Sun**	God feeds Israel in the Wilderness. Ex. 16: 1-15	9 44	2 21	♓	♀ rises 2.24 ♎	5	4 38	7 22
8	Mon	God a refuge. Psa. 46: 1–11	10 32	2 54	♓	♂ ♀ ☾ Vega sou 11.48	5	4 39	7 21
9	Tues	The joy of service. Psa. 43: 1–15	11 20	3 11	♈	☿ in Aphel in Apo	5	4 39	7 21
10	Wed	Contrast between the good and bad. Psa. 1	12 09	sets	♈	♂ ♃ ☽, ☉ Ecl. Inv	5	4 40	7 20
11	Thur	The transgressor and the righteous. Ps. 36: 1-12	12 57	8 36	♉	♃ sets 8.30	5	4 40	7 20
12	Frid	Obedience better than sacrifice. 1 Sam. 15; 17-31	1 45	9 19	♉	♂ ☿ ☾, dog days begs.	5	4 41	7 19
13	Sat	Undivided service demanded. 1 Kings 18: 17-22; 39, 40	2 31	9 54	♋	♂ nearest the earth	5	4 41	7 19
28.		**The Ten Commandments—Duties Toward God.** Exodus 20: 1-11		**7th Sunday after Trinity** Mark 8: 1-9; Rom. 6: 19-23.		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 38 minutes**			
14	**Sun**	The ten commandments—Duties toward God. Ex. 20: 1-11	3 17	10 22	♋	Markab south 3.24	5	4 42	7 18
15	Mon	Our opportunities to help. Rom. 12: 9–21	4 01	10 58	♋	7✶ rises 12.35	6	4 43	7 17
16	Tues	How to obtain blessedness. Matt. 5: 1-12	4 46	11 22	♌	♂ ♃ ☉ Sirius rises 4 02	6	4 44	7 16
17	Wed	Christ and the law. Matt. 5: 13 20	5 31	11 48	♌	Regulus sets 8.57 ♍	6	4 45	7 15
18	Thur	Love enemies. Matt. 5: 43–48	6 18	morn	♌	☾ 18 ♀ in	6	4 46	7 14
19	Frid	The fast which God accepteth. Isa. 58: 3–7	7 08	12 03	♌	☾ ♂ ♂ ♅, Alt. s. 11.46	6	4 46	7 14
20	Sat	Helpfulness rewarded. Matt. 25: 31–46.	8 02	1 40	♌	Pollux sets 8.39	6	4 47	7 13
29.		**The Ten Commandments—Duties Toward Men.** Exodus 20: 12-17		**8th Sunday after Trinity** Matt. 7: 15-23; Rom. 8: 12-17		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 26 minutes**			
21	**Sun**	The ten commandments—Duties toward men. Ex. 20; 12-17	9 00	2 30	♊	♂ ♂ ♆ Vega s. 11.33 ♑	6	4 47	7 13
22	Mon	Solomon's great sin. 1 Kings 11: 1–13	10 01	3 31	♊	Spica s. 10.34 ☉ ent ♎	6	4 48	7 12
23	Tues	The idolatry of Israel. 1 Kings 12: 25–33	11 05	4 28	♋	♂ ♅ ☾ And. rises 8.08	6	4 49	7 11
24	Wed	The destruction of the prophets of Baal. I Kings 18: 30-40	morn	rises	♋	☾ Inf. ☾ Ecl. Vis	6	4 50	7 10
25	Thur	The destruction of Baal worshippers. II Kings 10; 18-31	12 09	8 35	♋	☾ Ant. sou 8.11 in	6	4 51	7 09
26	Frid	Ephraim and his idols. Hosea 4: 12–19	1 10	9 08	♌	Orion rises 2.54	6	4 52	7 08
27	Sat	The image maker's protest. Acts 19: 13-41	2 08	9 44	♌	♄ rises 9.38	6	4 52	7 08
30.		**The Golden Calf.** Exodus 32: 1-8; 30-35.		**9th Sunday after Trinity.** Luke 16; 1-9; 1 Cor. 10: 6-13.		**Day's Length, 14 hours, 16 minutes**			
28	**Sun**	The golden calf. Ex. 32: 1–8; 30–35	3 01	10 38	♍	♂ ♄ ☾ 7✶ rises 11.40	6	4 53	7 07
29	Mon	The temple of Solomon. 1 Kings 8: 1–21	3 51	11 27	♍	☿ Gr Hel Lat 8 ♎	6	4 54	7 06
30	Tues	The second temple. Ezra 6: 13–22	4 39	11 55	♍	☾ Vega souths 9.55	6	4 55	7 05
31	Wed	The heavenly tabernacle. Rev. 21: 1–26	5 25	morn	♍	☾ Altair sou 11.26	6	4 56	7 04

MOON'S PHASES.

EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
Last Quarter on the 2nd at 9.26 morn	8.49 morn	8 06 morn
New Moon " " 10th " 10.09 morn	9.29 morn	8.49 morn
First Quarter " " 18th " 8.03 morn	7.23 morn	6.43 morn
Full Moon " " 24th " 11.21 even	11.41 even	11.01 even
Last Quarter " " 31st " 9.17 even	8.37 even	7.57 even

Mars is in opposition with the Sun on the 6th and shines all night.
Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 16th and cannot be seen.

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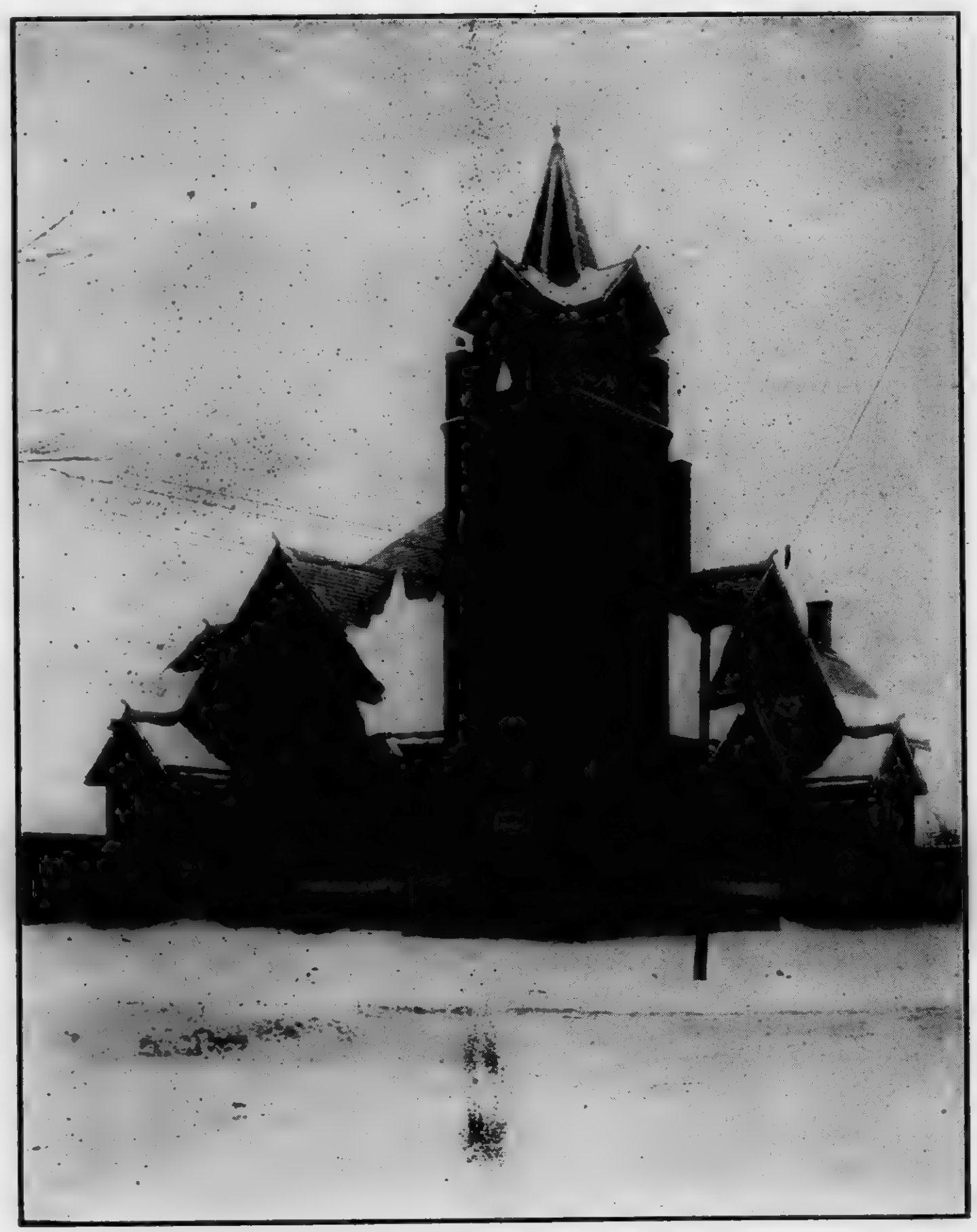
July 7. Seeking the Lord. Isa. 55: 1.13.
" 14. How can we make the Sabbath a delight? Isa. 58: 13. 14.
" 21. God's call to Jeremiah and to us. Jeremiah 1: 6-10.
" 28. Lessons from the Rechabites. A temperance meeting. Jeremiah 35: 1-19.

The First Church of Bluffton.

Sunday, April 1, 1906, was a memorable and a happy day for the Swiss Mennonite congregation of Bluffton, Ohio, it being the occasion of the dedication, for the worship of Almighty God, of their handsome new church home, a building complete in all its appointments. The new structure, sixty-eight by seventy-eight feet, is built of buff colored pressed brick on a high rock foundation. A square tower rises at one corner to the height of seventy feet. The walls of the main auditorium are beautifully frescoed and converge to a starspangled dome overhead. Windows of colored glass, the two large ones facing the streets—one representing the Good Shepherd and the other Christ knocking at the door—both gifts of two faithful mothers in Israel—are beautiful in design and greatly enhance the appearance of the building. A choir-loft accommodating about sixty-five persons is placed back of the pulpit-platform. The Sunday school room, with five different departments, is separated from the auditorium by a movable partition. These and the galleries are so arranged that all the seats face the pulpit. The whole building is lighted by electricity



8th Month. # AUGUST. 31 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun slo m.	Sun rise h.m	Sun sets h.m
1	Thur	Feast of tabernacles. Lev. 23: 33-36. Num. 29: 12-16	6 10	12 18	♐	♂ ♀ ♃ Vega so 9.46	6	4 57	7 03
2	Frid	God to be worshipped everywhere. Jno. 4: 19-26	6 55	12 55	♑	Sirius rises 2.46	6	4 58	7 02
3	Sat	The second tabernacle. Heb. 9: 1-28	7 41	1 17	♑	Orion rises 2.38	6	4 59	7 01
31.		**The Tabernacle.** Exodus 40: 1-13; 34-38,	10th Sunday after Trinity Luke 19: 41-48; 1 Cor. 12: 1-11			Day's Length, 14 hours, 02 minutes			
4	Sun	The tabernacle. Exodus 40: 1-13; 34-38	8 28	1 40	♒	☿ stationary	6	5 00	7 00
5	Mon	The law of the Nazarite. Num. 6: 1-24	9 16	2 14	♒	☾ in Apogee	6	5 01	6 59
6	Tues	Idolatrous drink offerings. Isa. 57: 1-6	10 05	2 49	♓	♂ Ψ ☾, ♃ rises 2.50	5	5 02	6 58
7	Wed	Drunkenness leads to poverty. Prov. 21: 16-31	10 54	3 16	♓		5	5 03	6 57
8	Thur	Strong drink, woe and sorrow. Prov. 23: 20-30	11 42	3 57	♈	♂ ☿ ☾, ☽ rises 3.40	5	5 04	6 56
9	Frid	Gluttony and drunkenness, works of darkness. Rom. 13: 7-14	12 29	sets	♈	9♂ stationary	5	5 05	6 55
10	Sat	Drunkards excluded from heaven. 1 Cor. 6: 8-11	1 15	3 00	♉	♂ ☿ ♃	5	5 06	6 54
32.		**The Sin of Nadab and Abihu.** Lev. 10: 1-11.	11th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 18: 9-14; 1 Cor. 15: 1-10.			Day's Length, 13 hours, 48 minutes			
11	Sun	Sin of Nadab and Abihu. (Temperance lesson) Lev. 10: 1-11	2 00	8 30	♉	Vega souths 9.08	5	5 07	6 53
12	Mon	The atonement explained. Rom. 5: 8-11	2 45	9 05	♊	☿ Gr Elong W	4	5 09	6 51
13	Tues	The atonement foretold. Isa. 53: 4-12	3 30	9 33	♊	Fomalhaut so 1.17	4	5 10	6 50
14	Wed	The atonement was voluntary. Psa. 40: 6-13	4 10	10 09	♋	Orion rises 1.00	4	5 11	6 49
15	Thur	What the atonement foreshadowed. Heb. 10: 1-14	5 03	10 46	♋	Sirius rises 3.56	4	5 12	6 48
16	Frid	Necessity for the atonement. Isa. 59: 16-21	5 54	11 25	♋	16 Castor sets 1.26	4	5 13	6 47
17	Sat	Atonement effects reconciliation. 2 Cor. 5: 18-20; Col. 1: 20-22	6 48	morn	♌	☿ in ♌	3	5 14	6 46
33.		**The Day of Atonement.** Lev. 16; 5-22.	12th Sunday after Trinity Mark 7: 31-37; 2 Cor. 3: 4-12.			Day's Length, 13 hours, 32 minutes			
18	Sun	The day of atonement. Lev. 16: 5-22	7 46	12 54	♌	Antares sets 10.45	3	5 15	6 45
19	Mon	Abram journeys toward promised land. Gen. 12: 1-9	8 47	1 50	♌	♂ Ψ ☾, 7✱ rises 10.00	2	5 17	6 43
20	Tues	Jacob's homeward journey. Gen. 32: 1-32	9 50	2 29	♌	♀ in Perihelion	2	5 18	6 42
21	Wed	The invitation to Hobab. Num. 10: 29-36	10 51	3 26	♍	☿ in Per., ☾ in Peri.	2	5 19	6 41
22	Thur	A sea voyage. Jonah 1: 1-17	11 51	4 22	♍	Markab so 12.56 in	2	5 20	6 40
23	Frid	A prophet's last journey. 2 Kings 2: 1-11	Morn	rises	♍	23☉ enters ♎	2	5 21	6 39
24	Sat	Paul goes to Jerusalem. Acts. 21: 1-17	12 47	7 37	♐	Dog Days end	2	5 22	6 38
34.		**Israel Journeying to Canaan.** Num. 10: 11-13; 29-36.	13th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 10: 23-37; Gal. 3: 15-23.			Day's Length, 13 hours, 16 minutes			
25	Sun	Israel journeying to Canaan. Num. 10: 11-13	1 39	8 33	♐	♂ ♄ ☾, Pro: rises 2.58	2	5 24	6 36
26	Mon	The spies at Jericho. Joshua 2: 1-22.	2 29	9 08	♐	7✱ rises 9.49	2	5 25	6 35
27	Tues	Jacob's sons accused as spies. Gen. 42: 3-20	3 17	9 41	♐	Altair souths 9.20	1	5 26	6 34
28	Wed	The Danite spies. Judges 18: 1-10	4 03	10 15	♐	Orion rises 12.48	1	5 27	6 33
29	Thur	Absalom's spies. II Sam. 15: 1-12	4 50	10 57	♑	Antares sets 10.08	1	5 29	6 31
30	Frid	The punishment of Israel. Heb. 3: 7: 19	5 36	11 53	♑	30 Spica sets 8.08	0	5 30	6 30
31	Sat	The justification of Rahab. Jas. 2: 20-26	6 23	Morn	♎	Vega sou 7.53	0	5 31	6 29

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES
New Moon	on the 9th at 1 28 morn	12 48 morn	12 08 morn
First Quarter	" " 16th " 3.57 even	3 17 even	2 37 even
Full Moon	" " 23rd " 7 07 morn	6 27 morn	5 47 morn
Last Quarter	" " 30th " 12.20 even	11 40 morn	11 00 morn

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August 4. God's promise to us. Jeremiah 31: 33—34.
" 11. Every-day mercies. Common blessings. Lamentations 3: 22-25.
" 18. A new heart and how to get it. Ezekiel 36: 25-27.
" 25. The work at home. Home missions. Matthew 9: 35; 10: 5-7.

and heated by steam and is provided with a dining room, kitchen and toilet rooms. The cost is $18,000, which was fully paid on the day of dedication.

For a number of years the Swiss Mennonite congregation was almost entirely a rural organization and in later years worshipped in the St. John's church, one mile east of Pandora, and in the Ebenezer church, two miles west of Bluffton, where stated meetings are still being held. With the passing years the younger generations drifted to the neighboring towns and many are now living in Bluffton. A small Sunday school was organized for the benefit of the local members, which has been steadily increasing and today numbers over two hundred members. Church services soon followed and were well attended. These services were held in rented buildings and it was soon felt that a permanent home for worship would be a great convenience, if not a necessity. About a year ago this feeling became so strong that those interested concluded to build a new church. A committee was appointed, means were solicited, a hearty response ensured the success of the work and operations were begun. The First Mennonite Church at the corner of Church and Jackson streets stands as a monument to these efforts.

The founder of the German Mennonite settlement was Michael Neuenschwander, a Swiss, who came to America in 1823. His first home was in Wayne county, Ohio. In 1833, he moved to Putnam county, where he was soon joined by friends, among whom were the forefathers of many of the present members of the congregation. The first church building was a hewn log structure, which was replaced by a more substantial building in 1857. In 1846, a church was erected where the present Ebenezer church stands, which was built in 1869 and rebuilt in 1883. In 1889, the St. John's church near Pandora, was completed. The three churches, Ebenezer, St. John's and Bluffton, belong to the same congregation which consists of 820 members and has about the same number enrolled on the Sunday school records.

The ministers are J. B. Baer, John Moser, C. Hege and Benjamin Diller.

CHURCH DIVISION IN 1847.

Causes that led up to the Division of the Mennonite Church in Eastern Pennsylvania in the Franconia Conference, in 1847, by one who was an eye witness.

In attempting to outline the causes that led to a division of the Mennonite Church at a conference held in Franconia, Montgomery county, May 1847, I desire to do so in the spirit of candor and charity, taking into account the customs and traditions of the church so prevalent at that time, having the disposition to excuse where there lacked better light, rather than those who wilfully shut their eyes to the light and allowed prejudice and bigotry to sway and warp their judgments against their better convictions.

My earliest recollection takes me back to the close of Jackson's administration, and the panic of 1837, in consequence of the veto of the United States Bank bill, resulting in the suspension of nearly all the banks of our country. It was about this time during the administration of Governor Ritner that the Common School Law, or Free School System, was inaugurated in Pennsylvania. It was then optional for the several school districts to accept or reject free schools. Those accepting received an appropriation from the State; and of course, those who did not accept received no appropriation. It was about this time that a spirit of opposition to schools in general, and to the Free School System in particular, was manifested by a majority of our Mennonite brethren. I remember distinctly discussions that took place between my father and some of his fellow members of the church. One in particular with George Detweiler, who argued that education was not necessary for even a preacher, that God could make a post preach.

The hard times between 1837 and 1840 naturally made people look for some remedy. The Presidential campaign of 1840 was approaching, and a change of administration was longed for. General William Henry Harrison was nominated by the Whigs. He was the hero of the War of 1812, and his election was much desired in order to change

9th Month. # SEPTEMBER. 30 Days.

Date.	Days.	Week	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun fast m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m.
35.			**The Two Reports of the Spies.** Num. 13: 17-20; 23-33. — 14th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 17: 11-19; Gal. 5: 16-24				**Day's Length, 12 hours, 58 minutes**			
1	Sun		The two reports of the spies. Num. 13: 17-20; 23-33	7 11	12 18	♋	☿ Gr Hel Lat N ♏	0	5 33	6 27
2	Mon		Justification by faith. Gal. 2: 16-21	8 00	12 54	♋	♂ ♆ ☾, ☾ in Apogee	1	5 34	6 26
3	Tues		The curse of the cross. Gal. 3: 9-29	8 48	1 50	♋	♂ ☿ ♀, ☾ in ♌	1	5 35	6 25
4	Wed		Shame of hanging upon the tree. Deut. 21: 22-23	9 37	2 28	♌	♂ ♃ ☾ Sirius ris 2.47	1	5 36	6 24
5	Thur		Christ and the brazen serpent. John 3: 14-21	10 24	2 59	♌	♃ rises 3.00	1	5 37	6 23
6	Frid		Christ on the cross. John 19: 16-37	11 11	3 44	♌	♂ ☿ ☉, 7✱ ris 7.14	2	5 39	6 21
7	Sat		Looking unto Jesus. Heb. 11: 39-40; 12: 1-6	11 57	sets	♌	7♂ ♀ ☾, ♂ ☿ ☾	2	5 40	6 20
36.			**The Brazen Serpent.** Num. 21: 1-9. — 15th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 6: 24-34; Gal. 5, 25; 6-10.				**Day's Length, 12 hours, 40 minutes**			
8	Sun		The brazen serpent. Num. 21: 1-9	12 43	7 30	♍	♀ sets 7.30	2	5 41	6 19
9	Mon		Abraham pleads for Sodom. Gen. 18: 23-33	1 23	8 23	♍	Achernar sou 2.22 ♉	2	5 43	6 17
10	Tues		Moses pleads for Israel. Exod. 32; 11-14	2 14	8 49	♍	Antares sets 9.23	3	5 44	6 16
11	Wed		Esther's plea. Esther 7: 1-10	3 01	9 20	♎	♀ Gr Hel Lat N	3	5 45	6 15
12	Thur		Paul's prayer for his people. Rom. 9: 1-5	3 51	10 08	♎	Arcturus sets 9.54	4	5 47	6 13
13	Frid		Christ's prayer for His Disciples. Jno. 17: 1-26	4 43	10 47	♎	Markab s 12.19 ♒	4	5 48	6 12
14	Sat		Christ's eternal priesthood. Heb. 7: 14-28	5 39	11 43	♎	14♂ ♀ ☉ Superior	5	5 49	6 11
37.			**Moses Pleading with Israel.** Deut. 6: 1-15. — 16th Sunday after Trinity Luke 7: 11-17; Eph. 3: 12-21.				**Day's Length. 12 hours, 22 minutes**			
15	Sun		Moses pleading with Israel. Deut. 6: 1-15	6 38	morn	♎	♂ sets 12.20	5	5 50	6 10
16	Mon		The death of Jacob. Gen. 49: 1-33	7 38	12 44	♏	♂ ♂ ☾, ♂ ♅ ☾	5	5 51	6 09
17	Tues		God takes Enoch. Gen. 5: 9 24.	8 38	1 16	♏	♂ ♃ ☉, ☾ in ♉	6	5 53	6 07
18	Wed		The translation of Elijah. II Kings 2: 9-15	9 36	2 20	♏	♅ Stationary, ☾ in Per	6	5 54	6 06
19	Thur		The body of Moses. Jude 5—16.	10 32	3 24	♏	Algol souths 3.12	7	5 56	6 05
20	Frid		The transfiguration. Luke 9: 26-36	11 26	4 30	♏	Aldebaran ris 1.42	7	5 57	6 03
21	Sat		The song of Moses and the Lamb. Rev. 15: 1-8	Morn	rises	♐	21♂ ♄ ☾	7	5 58	6 02
38.			**The Death of Moses.** Deut. 34: 1-12. — 17th Sunday after Trinity. Luke 14: 1-11; Eph. 4; 1-6.				**Day's Length, 12 hours, 04 minutes**			
22	Sun		The death of Moses. Deut. 34: 1-12	12 16	7 05	♐	♄ rises 7.10 ♌	8	5 59	6 01
23	Mon		The Ten Commandments. Exodus 20: 1-17	1 05	7 38	♐	☉ En. ♐ D. & N. Eq.	8	6 00	6 00
24	Tues		The Tabernacle. Exodus 40: 1-13; 34-38.	1 53	8 02	♐	Fomalhaut so 10.59	8	6 01	5 59
25	Wed		The day of atonement. Lev. 16: 5-22	2 40	8 39	♑	☿ in ♑, Cap. so 4.52	8	6 02	5 58
26	Thur		Israel journeying. Num. 10: 11-13; 29-36	3 28	9 05	♑	♂ in Perihelion	9	6 04	5 56
27	Frid		The brazen serpent. Num. 21: 1-9	4 16	9 45	♍	Orion rises 11.08 ♏	9	6 06	5 54
28	Sat		Moses pleading with Israel. Deut. 6: 1-15	5 04	10 31	♍	7✱ rises 7.46	9	6 07	5 53
39.			**Review.** (Read Psalm 90.) — 18th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 22: 34-46; 1 Cor. 1: 4-9.				**Days Length, 11 hours, 46 minutes**			
29	Sun		Review. Psalms 90	5 53	11 17	♍	29 ☾ in ♌	10	6 08	5 52
30	Mon		Gideon's lead. Judges 7.	6 42	Monn	♐	♂ ♆ ☾, ☾ in Apo.	10	8 10	5 50

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES
New Moon	on the 7th at 3 56 even	3 16 even	2 36 even
First Quarter	" " 14th " 10 32 even	9 52 even	9 12 even
Full Moon	" " 21st " 4 25 even	3 45 even	3 05 even
Last Quarter	" " 29th " 6 29 morn	5 49 morn	5 09 morn

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September 1. A boy with a purpose. Daniel 1: 8.
" 8. Lessons from the fiery furnace. Tried and true. Daniel 3: 13-18.
" 15. How Daniel showed his colors. Daniel 6: 10, 11.
" 22. Daniel in the lion's den. Safe in God's care. Daniel 6: 19-23.
" 29. Lessons from Belshazzer' feast. A temperance lesson. Daniel 5: 1-6.

the policy of the Government too long in vogue. My father was an ardent Whig, and he supported the measures that looked for the lightening of the burdens the country was under.

He attended the township primaries, the county conventions that framed the ticket, and attended political meetings, believing that as a good citizen it was his duty to do so. He was waited upon by Minister Eli Landis and Elder John Gotwals, warning him of having offended the rules of the Meeting, assuming that such was the duty only of the people of the world. This may be said was the beginning of church troubles.

It was about this time when white linen covers on dearborns were giving way to black oil-cloth covers. When my father availed himself of a black oilcloth cover for his dearborn he was charged with violating a long established custom of the Mennonites in making such a change; and when a year or so later he had elleptic springs put on the running gears of his carriage he sinned even more greviously. Then, too, came the charge that his children did not conform to the style and dress of the Meeting Though my father always wore the Mennonite garb, he laid no stress on it and allowed his boys and girls to dress like others around them. I remember it was under discussion that my sisters must wear caps at Meeting, and be otherwise plain in dress. Other matters came up, such as forbidding marrying outside of the denomination, attendance on civil duties, such as voting at election, resorting to processes of law to recover property, favoring liberal education, etc. I remember a deep impression was made on me by these outside restraining influences to my ambition in striving to obtain an education, as father was charged with being wordly-minded and allowing too much latitude to his children, and thus also influencing others growing up around him.

My father was regularly ordained to the Ministry on New Year, 1847, some months before the split took place. My uncle, John Hunsicker, who was then Bishop in the district comprising Skippack, Methachen, Providence and Zieglers, (now Gottshall's or Schwenksville) died in the autumn of 1847, and my father became the Bishop of the above district.

This continued and intensified opposition by the Mennonites as referred to above, and perhaps to some I have omitted, culminated in a schism, or split, at the conference at Franconia, in May, 1847, when John Hunsicker, my uncle, John H. Oberholtzer, William Landis, Israel Beidler and my father, Abraham Hunsicker, ministers ordained as Mennonites, were literally put out of the meeting for holding liberal views in advance of the Church.

It was believed that under a revised and improved discipline, led by men of liberal views, the church would make a new start and bring into its fold an element that had stood aloof. Under this belief I became a member of the new wing of the church in 1848. I had just assumed charge of Freeland Seminary, a boarding school for young men and boys, for whose founding the community was mainly indebted to my father, who was moved to the project very largely for the special benefit of the young men and boys of our own church, as well as the community in general. I am sorry to say that it had the contrary effect as our dear brethren imputed worldiness and pride as the motive to the undertaking.

On New Year 1850, I was ordained in the old Mennonite Meeting House in Skippack. I accepted the charge in good faith, though illy qualified to fill a position so important, as I had multiform duties of the boarding school on my hands. In the full belief of a new and liberal Church policy, I accepted frequent invitations from neighboring churches of other denominations to preach for them, and when occasion offered shared Communion with them. For doing this, strange as it may seem, I was called to account; for it was alleged that I thereby sanctioned infant baptism, and stood in with people who take up arms. I was warned as going too fast. It was even suggested by some good members that as a Mennonite preacher I had better shave off my whiskers and comb my hair down straight.

The matter of secret societies also came up, though none of our ministers of the new party belonged to any.

After the schism of 1847 three or four

10th Month. # OCTOBER. 31 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun fast. m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m.
1	Tues	Saul leads Israel. 1 Sam. 11: 1–15	7 30	12 34	♑	Altair souths 7.17	10	6 11	5 49
2	Wed	David selected. 1 Sam. 16: 4–13	8 18	1 36	♑	♂ ♃ ☾ Rigel ris 10.01	11	6 13	5 47
3	Thur	The new King. II Kings 9: 1–10	9 05	2 21	♒	□ ☿ ☉, ♃ rises 2.20	11	6 14	5 46
4	Frid	Saul is called to preach. Acts 9: 1–9	9 51	3 14	♒	Sirius rises 12.49	11	6 15	5 45
5	Sat	The disciples are called. John 1: 35–51	10 37	3 51	♒	☿ in Aphelion	11	6 17	5 43
40.		**Joshua, Israel's New Leader** Joshua, 1: 1-11.	19th Sunday after Trinity, Matt. 9: 1-8; Eph. 4: 22-28.			**Day's Length, 11 hours, 26 minutes**			
6	**Sun**	Joshua, Israel's new leader. Joshua 1: 1–11	11 23	4 47	♌	Orion rises 10.33	8	12 6 18	5 42
7	Mon	Pilgrim songs. Psalms 120; 121; 122	12 09	sets	♌	☽ 7 ♂ ♀ ☾		12 6 19	5 41
8	Tues	Abraham enters Canaan. Gen. 12: 1–9	12 57	6 41	♌	☽ ♂ ☿ ☾, ♀ sets 6.35		12 6 20	5 40
9	Wed	Lot's choice. Gen. 13: 5–13	1 47	7 19	♌	□ Ψ ☉		13 6 22	5 38
10	Thur	Moses views the promised land. Deut. 34: 1-12	2 39	8 00	♎	Andromeda s. 10.56		13 6 23	5 37
11	Frid	The return from captivity. Ezra 1: 1–11	3 35	8 46	♎	Markab souths 9.46		13 6 24	5 36
12	Sat	The better country. Hebrew 11: 1–16	4 33	9 27	♎	Arcturus sets 8.09		14 6 26	5 34
41.		**Israel Enters the Land of Promise.** Joshua 3: 5-17.	20th Sunday after Trinity Matt. 22: 1-14; Eph. 5: 15-21.			**Day's Length, 11 hours, 08 minutes**			
13	**Sun**	Israel entering the land of promise. Josh. 3: 5-17	5 32	10 40	♏	♂ Ψ ☽, Acher ris 8.22		14 6 27	5 33
14	Mon	The destruction of Ai. Joshua 8: 14–30	6 31	11 38	♏	☽ 14 in ♉, ☾ in Per.		14 6 28	5 32
15	Tues	Sodom burned. Gen. 9: 15–25	7 29	morn	♐	☽ ♂ ♂ ☾, 7✶ r. 6.30		14 6 29	5 31
16	Wed	The fall of Jerusalem. II Chron. 36: 11-21	8 24	12 21	♐	Fomalhaut so. 9.27		14 6 30	5 30
17	Thur	The message to Laodicae. Rev. 3: 14–22	9 17	1 23	♐	Capella souths 3.40		15 6 32	5 28
18	Frid	The end of Babylon. Dan. 5: 17–31	10 08	2 24	♑	♂ ♄ ☾, Ψ Stationary		15 6 33	5 27
19	Sat	Christ weeps over Jerusalem. Luke 19: 41-48	10 56	3 26	♑	Regulus rises 11.35	♌	15 6 35	5 25
42.		**The Capture of Jericho.** Joshua 6: 8-20.	21st Sunday after Trinity John 4: 47-54; Eph. 6: 10-17			**Day's Length, 10 hours, 50 minutes**			
20	**Sun**	The capture of Jericho. Joshua 6: 8-20	11 44	4 32	♑	Antares sets 7.19		15 6 36	5 24
21	Mon	Pressing forward. Phil. 3: 1–16	morn	rises	♑	Algol souths 1.06.		16 6 37	5 23
22	Tues	Treasures in Heaven. Matt. 19: 16–22	12 31	0 01	♑	☽ 21 ☉ enters ♌		16 6 39	5 21
23	Wed	Inheritance incorruptable. 1 Peter 1: 3–10	1 18	6 34	♍	☿ Gr Elong E.		16 6 40	5 20
24	Thur	The eternal inheritauce. Heb. 9: 11–28	2 07	7 05	♍	7✶ souths 1.46		16 6 41	5 19
25	Frid	A crown of Glory. 1 Pet. 5: 1–9	2 55	7 36	♌	☿ Gr Hel Lat 8		16 6 42	5 18
26	Sat	Great is your reward. Matt. 5: 1–12	3 45	8 22	♌	Rigel rises 11.32		16 6 44	5 16
43.		**Caleb's Faithfulness Rewarded.** Joshua 14: 6-15.	22nd Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 18: 23-35; Phil. 1: 3-11.			**Day's Length, 10 hours, 32 minutes**			
27	**Sun**	Caleb's faithfulness rewarded. Josh. 14: 6-15	4 34	9 11	♑	♂ Ψ ☾, ☾ in ♌		16 6 45	5 15
28	Mon	God thy refuge. Deut. 33: 26-29	5 23	10 02	♑	☾ in Apogee		16 6 46	5 14
29	Tues	The Lord is my rock. II Sam. 22: 1-31	6 11	11 51	♒	☾ 29 ♂ ♃ ☾		16 6 47	5 13
30	Wed	In time of trouble. Psalms 9: 1-20	6 58	morn	♒	Markab souths 8.36		16 6 48	5 12
31	Thur	A very present help. Psalms 46: 1-11	7 43	12 15	♑	Sirius rises 11.11		16 6 50	5 10

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
New Moon	" " 7th " 5.12 morn	4.32 morn	3.52 morn
First Quarter	" " 14th " 4.54 morn	4.14 morn	3.34 morn
Full Moon	" " 21st " 4.08 morn	3.28 morn	2.48 morn
Last Quarter	" " 29th " 2.43 morn	2.03 morn	1.23 morn

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October 6. Goodness that does not last. Hosea 6: 4.
" 13. Two prophets with one message. Joel 2: 32; Amos 5: 14.
" 20 Running away from duty. Jonah 1: 1-3.
" 27. Missions in the islands of the Atlantic. Isaiah 42: 10.

ministers were ordained. Among them were Moses H. Gottshall, Abraham H. Grater and Henry H. Johnson. Some of these ministers would make a test of fitness for preaching to be a tacit submission to the doctrine that no member may belong to any secret order. Most of us held such as a Church edict was an invasion of conscience, besides superceding the one great and only true test of entire submission to the Word and the Christ Spirit in our hearts, yielding obedience to His commandments, and striving to do the Will of God. The want of agreement among the Ministers in beliefs of this kind was the charge of hetrodoxy. My father, Abraham H. Hunsicker, Israel Beidler and myself were thrust out of the new party in 1851, but having a majority of the members and friends, both in Phoenixville and in Germantown to stand by us, we continued our services at both these places until 1875. After the Meeting Houses in Skippack and Providence were closed against us, we held services at school houses, and in some of the neighboring churches opened to us, until 1854, when we built a church at Freeland, now Collegeville, which was essentially a non-sectarian Church, to be open for Ministers in good standing in our own and other denominations, who chose to help the Church of Christ. Our Church, as well as our school, were both flourishing. We added to the Ministry during these years, Francis Hunsicker, Jarret T. Preston, and Joseph H Hendricks.

By reason of slight impairment of health I leased my school in 1856 to Adam H. Fetterolf, the present President of Girard College, for the period of five years, who had been a pupil of mine and attained to the Vice Presidency of the school under me. Before the expiration of my lease to Mr. Fetterolf, I sold Freeland Seminary to a corporation, of which Dr. J. H. Bomberger, of Philadelphia, was the head. This corporation obtained a charter for a college, bought out Prof. Fetterolf, and opened Ursinus College in 1869. A short time after, through certain influences brought about by the friends of Ursinus College, Rev. J. H. Hendricks, who was at that time pastor of our Church, was won over to the German Reformed Church, and by resort to questionable tactics took the Church from us:—from a non-sectarian made it a denominational Church, a thing farthest from the intentions of its founders. The prosperity of both the Seminary and the Church during our administration best testify to their usefulness and popularity, as well as the good under God's Providence that was accomplished. In that charge good seed was sown for heart, mind and soul, that is bearing abundant fruit to-day in the lives of many we know.

HENRY A. HUNSICKER.

Germantown, Pa., March 15, 1905.

A Good Practice.

A story is told of one, Martin Fretz, back in the 17th century. He was an honest upright man, and held in high esteem. As a Christian, he endeavored faithfully to discharge his religious duties, in all of which he was conscientiously strict. He never allowed any member of his family to leave the church before the benediction was pronounced. An adage of his was, "Wer 'naus geht vor dem Segen, geht dem Fluch entgegen." Although this is very often seen in church services, that people leave the church before the benediction is pronounced, they leave a bad example. Example teaches more than precept, therefore let your example be good.

Our Thoughts.

Every day we are becoming more like our thoughts. If they are mean and selfish, we cannot prevent ourselves from becoming so. If they are unclean and evil, our character and conduct will inevitably be shaped by them. It is true that "as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

As Charles Kingsley says: "Think about yourself: about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil everything you touch; you will make sin and misery for yourself out of everything which God sends you; you will be as wretched as you chose on earth or in heaven either."

And, on the other hand, loving thoughts will produce loving acts; and a generous, kindly way of regarding others in our own minds will bring us to a generous, kindly treatment of them in daily life —*R. E. Speer.*

11th Month. # NOVEMBER. 30 Days.

Date.	Week Days.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun fast m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m.
1	Frid	God is known for a refuge. Psa. 48: 1-14	8 29	1 24	♌	Aldebaran so. 1.50 ♈	16	6 51	5 09
2	Sat	God a strong consolation. Heb. 6: 10-20	9 14	2 23	♌	Vega sets 12.24	16	6 52	5 08
44.		**The Cities of Refuge.** Joshua 24: 14-28.	23rd Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 22: 15-22; Phil. 3: 17-21.			Day's Length, 10 hours, 16 minutes			
3	**Sun**	The cities of refuge. Joshua 24: 14-28	10 00	3 44	♌	☿ Stationary	16	6 53	5 07
4	Mon	Christ the new Covenant. Isa. 42: 1-9	10 47	4 50	♌	Capella souths 2.18	16	6 54	5 06
5	Tues	The messenger of the Covenant. Mal. 3: 1-8	11 37	sets	♌	5 Rigel sou 2.14	16	6 55	5 05
6	Wed	The Covenant fulfilled in Christ. Luke 1: 68-79	12 30	6 01	♌	☌ ☿ ☾, □ ♃ ☉ ♆	16	6 56	5 04
7	Thur	Covenant of the blood of Christ. Heb. 9: 11-23	1 26	6 44	♋	☌ ☿ ☾, ☌ ☿ ☾	16	6 57	5 03
8	Frid	The Covenant forever. Psa. 111: 1-10	2 25	7 27	♋	☿ sets 7.20	16	6 58	5 02
9	Sat	The blessings of the Covenant. Isa. 56: 1-8	3 25	8 24	♋	☌ ♆ ☾, ☾ in Perigee	16	6 59	5 01
45.		**Joshua Renewing the Covenant with Israel.** Joshua 24: 14-28.	24th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 9: 18-26; Col. 1: 9-10.			Day's Length, 10 hours, 02 minutes			
10	**Sun**	Joshua renewing the Covenant with Israel. Josh. 24: 14-28	4 26	9 24	♋	Altair sets 11.10 ☾ in ♍	15	7 00	5 00
11	Mon	The defeat of the Assyrians. II Chron. 32: 1-21	5 25	10 33	♋	□ ☌ ☉, ☌ sets 10.25	15	7 01	4 59
12	Tues	The protecting army. II Kings 6: 13-23	6 21	11 27	♌	12 ☌ ☌ ☾	15	7 03	4 57
13	Wed	The Egyptians destroyed. Exodus 14: 26-31	7 14	morn	♌	☿ in ♌	15	7 04	4 56
14	Thur	The battle of the Kings. Gen. 14: 1-16	8 04	12 14	♎	☌ ♄ ☾, ☌ ☿ ☉	15	7 05	4 55
15	Frid	Samson's victories. Judges 15: 7-20	8 52	1 32	♎	Vega sets 11.56	15	7 06	4 54
16	Sat	David and Goliath. 1 Sam. 17: 38-58	9 38	2 51	♎	Regulus rises 8.24 ♌	15	7 07	4 53
46.		**Gideon and His Three Hundred.** Judges 7: 9-23.	25th Sunday after Trinity Matt. 24: 15-28; 1 Thess. 4: 13-18.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 46 minutes			
17	**Sun**	Gideon and his three hundred. Judges 7: 9-23	10 25	3 59	♎	☿ in Perihelion	15	7 08	4 52
18	Mon	A wise purpose. Daniel 1: 3-21	11 11	5 09	♎	Sirius rises 10.02	15	7 09	4 51
19	Tues	Noah's drunkenness. Gen. 9: 18-29	Morn	rises	♏	19 7✱ sou 12.03	14	7 10	4 50
20	Wed	The drunken servant. Matt. 24: 42-51	12 00	5 40	♏	Markab sou 7.15 ♈	14	7 11	4 49
21	Thur	Intemperance punished. Amos 6: 1-11	12 47	6 21	♐	Arietas souths 10.12	14	7 11	4 49
22	Frid	Habakkuk denounces drinking. Hab. 2: 5-17	1 37	7 10	♐	Altair sets 10.24	14	7 12	4 48
23	Sat	Drunkenness scorned. Hosea 7: 1-7	2 26	8 12	♎	☿ Sta. ☌ ♆ ☾	13	7 13	4 47
47.		**World's Temperance Sunday.** Romans 14: 12-23.	26th Sunday after Trinity. Matt. 25: 31-46; 2 Pet. 3: 3-14.			Day's Length, 9 hours, 34 minutes			
24	**Sun**	World's temperance Sunday. Rom. 14: 12-23	3 15	9 21	♎	Orion rises 6.58 in	13	7 14	4 46
25	Mon	How to prevent spiritual death: Eph. 4: 8-12	4 04	10 30	♑	♄ Sta., ☾ in Apogee	13	7 15	4 45
26	Tues	Arise from death. Eph. 5: 5-14.	5 37	11 51	♑	☌ ♃ ☾, Cap sou 12.45	13	7 15	4 45
27	Wed	The wages of sin. Romans 6: 13-23	6 22	morn	♌	27 ♃ rises 11.40	12	7 16	4 44
28	Thur	**Thanksgiving.** Rev. 2: 1-11	7 06	1 26	♌	☿ Gr Hel Lat N	12	7 17	4 43
29	Frid	The resurrection. 1 Cor. 15: 14-23	7 50	2 24	♌	Achernar sou 9.08	11	7 17	4 43
30	Sat	The death of Aaron. Num. 20: 22-29	8 36	3 42	♋	♃ Stationary ♍	11	7 18	4 42

MOON'S PHASES.

EASTERN STATES.	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES.
New Moon on the 5th " 5.31 even	4.51 even	4.11 even
First Quarter " " 12th " 12.06 even	11.26 morn	10.46 morn
Full Moon " " 19th " 6.56 even	6.16 even	5.36 even
Last Quarter " " 27th " 11.13 even	10.33 even	9.53 even

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November 3. A fresh beginning—trying again. Jonah 3: 1-4.
" 10. What God expects of us. Our duty to God. Micah 6: 8.
" 17. What God thinks of the wicked. Nahum 1: 3.
" 24. Mission work in the Pacific Islands. Foreign mission. Psalm 72: 8-11.

Hymn of the Anabaptists.

A field of hymnology that has lain almost totally neglected, unknown and forgotten for almost two centuries, is the part which the hymns of the Anabaptists occupy in the hymnology of the Christian era. It is a strange fact that even among those who are proud to claim direct descent from the martyr composers and earlier users of these hymns, there are comparatively few who know even of the existence of such a hymn book as the "Ausbund." Ask a Mennonite, a Baptist, a Dunkard about the "Ausbund" and the chances are that he does not remember exactly in what year the man was born or when he died or what he was noted for. And yet the "Ausbund" is perhaps the best expression of a persecuted people's belief, its hopes, fears, trials and general history, of any book of verse ever written. So remarkably is their life portrayed in these hymns that a recent Baptist historian used the Ausbund to show the differences of belief in different sections where the Anabaptists lived, by studying carefully the theology of their hymns. Where could that be done to-day?

The one exception to the almost universal ignorance regarding the "Ausbund" is the Amish branch of the Mennonite denomination. In very many congregations of this rather much split-up branch the "Ausbund" is still the church hymnal, and the fact that but recently a new edition of this hymnal was printed in response to an urgent call for the book, shows that it is likely to retain its present place among them for some time.

Of the one hundred and forty hymns in the earlier editions perhaps the best known is the "Haslibacher Lied," in which the writer gives a vivid description of the capture, imprisonment, examination and execution of the martyr Hans Haslibacher. This hymn of thirty-two stanzas has at least two translations in the English, one of which appears in the English edition of the Martyr's Mirror, printed in 1886. To show the steadfastness of the heroes of the religious persecutions of the sixteenth century, I quote one stanza of the "Haslibacher" hymn

"If not," they said, and meant it too,
"To-morrow's morn brings death to you."

But Haslibacher said:
"This body you may put to death—
I'll yield my life, but not my faith."

Another hymn, well known, and much used by those among whom the book still serves as a church hymnal, is the "Hans Landis Lied," describing the valiant defense, calm resignation and Christian heroism of Bishop Hans Landis, the martyr progenitor of some of the people of that name in Lancaster Co, Pa., and other sections of this country.

Still another hymn giving an account of the torture and death of Joerg (George) Wagner in 1527, is well known by the Amish brotherhood. It is valuable as a matter of history in that in his answers to the inquisitors he states with great clearness and conciseness his faith on the doctrinal points in question Indeed, a careful study of these hymns shows the writers to have had a far better knowledge of the Bible than with the rules of poetry and yet we forget the errors in the prosody of the stanzas and are thrilled by the heroism of the martyrs and the ability they displayed in giving a reason for the hope that was within them.

Dogmatic theology does not occupy the place in the religious world to-day that it did two hundred and more years ago, and perhaps the world does not suffer because of it, but it is a question whether the one extreme has not changed to another. At that time men gave their lives rather than yield one point of faith and doctrine in which they may have differed from their persecutors; to-day a large per cent of the professedly Christian church seems to think that it makes but little difference what you believe, providing you are sincere in your belief. The "teaching them to observe all things" clause of Christ's parting admonition seems to have been changed to "teaching them to observe anything providing they are sincere." Whether the former or the latter extreme made the stronger Christian we let the reader judge.—*A. B. Kolb in Family Almanac.*

Follow with reverent steps the great example
Of Him whose holy work was "doing good";
So shall the wide earth seem our Father's temple
Each loving life a psalm of gratitude.
—J. G. Whittier.

12th Month. # DECEMBER. 31 Days.

Week Days. Date.	International Sunday School Lessons and Daily Bible Readings.	Moon souths h. m.	Moon R. & S. h. m.	Moon's signs	Miscellany.	Sun fast m.	Sun rise h. m.	Sun sets h. m.
48.	**The Death of Samson.** Judges 16: 21-31.	1st Sunday in Advent. Matt. 21; 1-9; Rom. 13: 11-41.			**Day's Length, 9 hours, 24 minutes**			
1 **Sun**	The death of Samson. Judges 16: 21–31	8 36	4 26	♑	☿ Gr Elong W ☽	10	7 19	4 41
2 Mon	Mary's choice. Luke 10: 38–42	9 24	4 55	♑	Rigel rises 10.40	10	7 19	4 41
3 Tues	Solomon's choice. 1 Kings 3: 5–15	10 15	5 30	♑	♂ ☿ ☾, Altair sets 9.29	10	7 20	4 40
4 Wed	The rich young man. Matt. 19: 16-26	11 10	5 54	♑	7✶ souths 10.56 ☽	9	7 20	4 40
5 Thur	The choice of wisdom. Prov. 8: 1–36	12 09	sets	♑	5 ♀ sets 6.20	9	7 21	4 39
6 Frid	Chosen of Christ. Eph. 1: 3–14	1 10	7 05	♑	♂ ♀ ☾, ☾ in Peri.	9	7 21	4 39
7 Sat	Many called, few chosen. Matt. 20: 1-15	2 14	8 17	♑	♂ ♅ ☾, ☾ in ♉	8	7 22	4 38
49.	**Ruth's Wise Choice.** Ruth 1: 14-22.	2nd Snnday in Advent. Luke 21: 25-36; Rom. 15:4-13			**Day's Length, 9 hours, 16 minutes**			
8 **Sun**	Ruth's wise choice. Ruth 1: 14–22	3 16	9 24	♑	Algol souths 9.47	8	7 23	4 37
9 Mon	The boy Joseph. Gen. 37: 5–22	4 15	10 28	♒	Sirius rises 8.36	7	7 23	4 37
10 Tues	The boy king. II Kings 22: 1-20	5 10	11 39	♒	♀ in Aphelion	7	7 23	4 37
11 Wed	The boy David. II Sam. 17: 28–37	6 02	morn	♒	11 ♂ ♂ ☾, ♂ ♄ ☾	6	7 24	4 36
12 Thur	The sister of Moses. Exod. 2: 5–10	6 51	12 34	♓	♂ ♀ ♅, ♂ s. 12.30	6	7 24	4 36
13 Frid	The boy with the loaves and fishes. Jno. 6:5-14	7 37	1 42	♓	□ ♄ ☉, Markabs. 12.24	5	7 24	4 36
14 Sat	The child Jesus. Luke 2: 40–52	8 23	2 32	♓	Fomalhaut s. 9.36 ♌	5	7 25	4 35
50.	**The Boy Samuel** 1 Sam. 3: 1-21.	3rd Sunday in Advent. Matt. 11: 2-10; 1 Cor. 4: 1-5.			**Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 minutes**			
15 **Sun**	The boy Samuel. 1 Sam. 3: 1-21	9 08	3 10	♓	Rigel souths 11.33	4	7 25	4 35
16 Mon	God the Judge of all. Gen. 18: 17-26	9 55	3 56	♈	Arietas souths 8.22	4	7 25	4 35
17 Tues	God judging right. Psa. 9: 1-19	10 42	4 50	♈	Canopus souths 12.40	3	7 25	4 35
18 Wed	God shall judge men's works. Eccl. 3: 16–22	11 30	5 32	♉	Antares sets 10.46 ☊	3	7 25	4 35
19 Thur	Him that speaketh. Heb. 12: 20–29	morn	rises	♉	19 ☾ in ♌	2	7 25	4 35
20 Frid	The unjust judge. Luke 18: 1–8	12 20	5 50	♓	Castor sou. 1.22	2	7 25	4 35
21 Sat	When the Son of Man shall come. Matt. 25: 31-46	1 10	6 44	♓	Sirius rises 7.55	1	7 25	4 35
51.	**Samuel the Upright Judge.** 1 Dan. 7: 1-13.	4th Sunday in Advent. John 1: 19-28; Phil. 4: 4-7.			**Day's Length, 9 hours, 10 minutes**			
22 **Sun**	Samuel the upright judge. 1Dan. 7: 1–13	1 59	7 40	♉	☉ ent. ♑, Win. Beg.	1	7 26	4 34
23 Mon	Israel enters the promised land. Josh. 3: 5-17	2 46	8 39	♉	♂ ♃ ☽, Vega sets 9.06	0	7 25	4 35
24 Tues	The capture of Jericho. Josh. 6: 3–20	3 32	9 43	♉	♃ rises 9.37	S.	7 25	4 35
25 Wed	Christmas. Josh. 14: 6-15	4 17	10 47	♊	Markab sets 11.35	0	7 25	4 35
26 Thur	Cities of refuge. Josh. 20: 1-9	5 01	11 52	♊	Sirius rises 7.16	1	7 25	4 35
27 Frid	Gideon and the three hundred. Judges 7: 9-23	5 44	morn	♋	27 Rigel sou 10.42	2	7 25	4 35
28 Sat	Ruth's wise choice. Ruth 1: 14–22	6 28	12 46	♋	Orion sou 11.30 ♉	2	7 25	4 35
52.	**Review.** (Read Psalms 98)	Sunday after Christmas. Luke 2, 33: 40: Gal. 4: 1-7.			**Days Length, 9 hours, 10 minutes**			
29 **Sun**	Review. Psalms 98.	7 13	1 37	♊	7✶ souths 8.54	3	7 24	4 36
30 Mon	The voice of the Lord. Psa. 29: 1–11	8 01	2 27	♊	♂ rises 2.20	3	7 24	4 36
31 Tues	Pardon. Psalms 32: 1–11	8 52	3 25	♊	♂ ♂ ♄ Alde. s. 9.45 ☽	3	7 24	4 36

MOON'S PHASES.

	EASTERN STATES	CENTRAL STATES.	WESTERN STATES
New Moon	on the 5th at 5 14 morn	4 34 morn	3 54 morn
First Quarter	" " 11th " 9 06 even	8 26 even	7 46 even
Full Moon	" " 19th " 12 47 even	12 07 even	11 27 morn
Last Quarter	" " 27th " 6 02 even	5 22 even	4 42 even

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Deeember 1. How two prophets praised God. A praise service. Hab. 3: 17-19; Zeph. 3:14-17
" 8. Working for God. Our work. Haggai 1: 7, 8; 2: 4.
" 15. God's kingkom. Missionary meeting. Zech. 8: 7, 8.
" 22. The last message from the Old Testament. The forerunner. Mal. 4: 1-6.
" 29. Lessons learned from this year's meetings. A memory meeting. Psa. 86: 11

Anabaptist Council.

On the opposite page we re-produce a facsimile of an anabaptist painting from the 17th Century. The original belongs to Peter Kipfer, Emmenthal, Switzerland. The painting is really artistic, yet quite simple, six colors were used by the artist, namely, blue, gray, green, yellow, red and black. The painting is to represent the examination of an applicant for membership. The person in the left lower corner, with staff in hand, clothed in a blue garb, applies for admission into the congregation. His request is made to the two Bishops or Elders, seated on a rock, right hand corner. The one is addressing the applicant, reminding him of the importance of the step to be taken. To the left above are three ministers with open book before them. This is the reading of the book : "Thut von Euch das Böse Wesen, Reiniget Euch, so wird der Engel gesellschaft mit Euch sein." Put from you the evil and sanctify yourself, and the angels will be your companions.

The inscription at the foot of the painting is, "Abrede und Verordnung der Diener und Eltesten in der Versammlung zu Strasburg, im Jahr Anno 1568 und 1607." Translated it reads, Council meeting and decision of the ministers and elders in the meeting at Strassburg, Anno 1568 and 1607.

At a council meeting held at Obersültzen, by these Swiss brethen, on March 5, 1676, which was attended by many ministers and elders, twenty-nine rules, or resolutions were adopted. and at the March council meeting in 1688, five more rules were added and those of the former council again endorsed. Following are some of the rules adopted.

1. It will not be allowed, unless for Godly reasons, for any one to go out of any regular service before the meeting closes, as frequently occurs, (although these services often continue from four to six hours.)

2. The ministers and elders shall care for the neglected widows, see to the welfare of wives and children who may be on a pilgrimage and in danger, visit and comfort those that are imprisoned, so that all may have the love, care and comfort of the brethen.

3. All who are sent out by the congregation for this purpose shall be amply provided by the congregation for all their needs.

4. The poor and helpless orphans shall be cared for and properly raised by the congregation. The orphans of the well-to-do shall be economically cared for from their own means.

5. All such who intend to enter the bonds of marriage shall do so only upon the advice and knowledge of the ministers, elder and deacons. Likewise shall the parents be informed of their intentions.

6. No brother shall engage in mercantile business, in building or any other important calling or enterprise, without the council, knowledge and consent of the brethren and the elders.

7. A brother or sister having money that he wishes to loan out or to have otherwise cared for, shall give the same to members of the church, and not entrust it to the world.

8. If a brother is appointed to watch (to do police duty) in the town-grove or field, he shall hire someone to take his place or serve himself. He must be careful not to bring or cause loss to any one. He shall not carry sword or spear or any other like weapon.

9. All believing servants, as long as they can find employment an ong our own people, shall not go in service among people outside the fold, and all Masters and Mistresses shall treat them, in a Scriptural way, as believers in Christ divine.

10. In reference to drinking (smoking) tobacco, it is declared that the public drinking (smoking) of tobacco is an offense, therefore it is not allowed. But if it should be necessary as a medicine, it shall be done at home; and shall be dealt with as circumstances require.

11. It is also declared that ministers of the Word of God, owe it as their duty, to make diligent use of their talents, and as they can not at the same time attend to their temporal support, as in case of absence of three or four days, or may be several weeks, they are obliged to consume their own means, be it known that in such instances. especially where their services have been requested and that they have been at

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their own expense, in the interest of those who called them, it is in duty required that they show them love in return.

12. A minister of the word, who has not been fully set apart to the office of elder to the word, by the laying on of hands, shall refrain from baptizing and administering the holy communion, of officiating at a marriage, as also not pronounce sentence of excommunication upon sinners, or such as by their wicked life have deserved the same; Different will be the case when there is no elder or bishop to act or when the united congregation requests the minister to act in this capacity.

13. If a dispute arises in a congregation, whether it be a quarrel, or a business dispute between brethren, the matter shall be submitted to the elder, (Bishop,) for settlement and not to the minister to the word.

14. If one attends a funeral, whether it be among brethren or other people, he shall refrain from entering a church with them, but pass by it.

15. Feasts held by worldly people at the baptism of young children shall be avoided by members of the congregation.

16. If a brother has a home, and is in need of money to properly keep it, he may be allowed to obtain a loan from the brethren on the same upon the payment of reasonable interest but must not become a burden to the congregation. This is to say, when necessity demands it that one may put money out on interest, but in no case must such privilege be abused that it may finally not prove a burden to the brethren.

17. Separation (the Ban) shall be applied to such who slander the truth of the gospel and the church, because the Name of God and the church, will by such conduct be made to suffer disgrace and disrepute. For this reason shall all be separated from such an one, nevertheless, exercising reason and good judgment, according to the teaching of the apostle.

18. Minister and elders in their walk and conversation shall conduct themselves in accordance with the gospel and the teachings of Christ and the apostles, so that they may be an example for others to follow.

19, Ministers of the word of God shall diligently exhort and teach the people to know what is contrary to the doctrines of Christ and His apostles, be it concerning the life and walk of the brethren and sisters, or be it in reference to excessive eating and drinking, or living in pride.

20. The tailors and seamstresses shall conform to the neat, simple and common customs of the community in the making of clothing. They shall refrain from making or helping to make anything that leads to pride and arrogance.

Twelve Business Rules.

The following twelve maxims form part of the will of Mayer Anselm Rothschild, the founder of the great banking house at Frankfort, Germany.

1. Seriously ponder over and thoroughly examine any project to which you intend to give your attention.
2. Reflect a long time, then decide promptly.
3. Go ahead.
4. Endure annoyance patiently, and fight bravely against obstacles.
5. Consider honor as a sacred duty.
6. Never lie about a business affair.
7. Pay your debts promptly.
8. Learn how to sacrifice money when necessary.
9. Do not trust to much to luck.
10. Spend your time profitably.
11. Do not pretend to be more important than you really are.
12. Never become discouraged; work zealously and you will surely succeed.

A Sermon Brief.

I. What is the office of Conscience?

1. Not a distinguishing, but an impelling faculty.
2. An impulse to be like God.
3. The inward organ of God.
4. The basis of all morality.

II. What is our duty to conscience?

1. To inform it.
2. To obey it.
3. To assist it.

Christian Funk Schism, 1777.

The Revolutionary War tried the faith of American Mennonites in more ways than one. Many of them were strongly attached to the King of England because of the religious freedom which they enjoyed under his dominion. When the question came up as to whether Pennsylvania should oppose Great Britain, a meeting was called to consider the advisability of sending three delegates to the convention which was to decide the question. There was much discussion. as we are to "render unto Cæsar the things that be Cæsars," the tax should be paid without questioning what it was used for. Others maintained that all who paid this special war tax supported the war to that extent, and all non-resistant people should refuse to pay it. We are not able to tell what other questions entered into the controversy, nor what the exact charges were upon which Christian Funk was expelled; but about 1777, the schism occurred which made two churches out of one. Those who remained loyal to Christian Funk were

THE FUNK GRAVEYARD NEAR COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

The only remaining evidence of the schism among the Mennonites due to Bishop Funk's efforts to induce the denomination to support the American cause during the Revolution.

Christian Funk, a bishop from Franconia, took the position that since Mennonites took no part in war, they had nothing to do with this question. The meeting adjourned without taking action. Later on another question came up. Shall the Mennonites pay the war taxes imposed by the colony. Again the opinion of the brethren was divided. Christian Funk maintained the position that usually called "Funkites." Several houses of worship were built by this faction, but the membership was never very large. Numerous efforts were made at reconciliation, but a breach is more easily made than healed. It is said that after the "Funkites" permitted John Herr, founder of the "Herrites," to preach among them, the organization rapidly went to pieces.

—Hartzler's Mennonite Church History.

Death of Mrs. Penner.

The following is the sorrowful letter of Missionary P. A. Penner from Champa, India, to the Foreign Mission board giving details of the death of his beloved wife and helper in the mission, on January 3rd, 1906.

Dear Brethren of the Board :—

This writing ought to be a report of our work of the last quarter of the past year. There were many things to be reported, but the sorrow of the loss of my dear wife represses this. Oh, how uncertain is life! How suddenly it may be said, "Till here and no farther." Of late my wife was well and we have been so happy, and now she is buried in the cemetery at Calcutta. If God were not love, and His ways not always the best, the sorrow would be almost overwhelming.

Just before Christmas my wife took a cold which we did not notice particularly. In the morning of December 28, as she awoke, she complained of pain in a tooth. This pain then settled in the right ear and eye. At first we applied family medicine, but as these were of no avail, we sent for the civil surgeon, but he was not at home, and therefore we tried new remedies. Tuesday, January 2, the pain was so severe that my dear wife requested me to send for Bro. Kroeker and have him to extract the tooth. All of us, Lizzie, my father, Kroekers and myself, firmly believed that the patient had neuralgia, and that the pain would cease after the removal of the tooth. Bro. Kroeker came, and although he tried twice to extract the tooth he did not succeed. Now it was decided to go to Calcutta. Quickly the necessary arrangements were made, for in three hours the mail train was due. At 6 o'clock p. m. we left Champa for Calcutta. The pain was not very severe during the night. At 8 o'clock a. m. we arrived at Calcutta. We went to Mr. D. H. Lee's, whose name may be familiar to the dear Board. As we arrived there I said to Mrs. Lee that we wanted to rest a few days before we would have the tooth extracted. "No," said Mrs. Lee, "the poor wife will have no rest as long as the tooth is in her mouth. First to the dentist and then quickly to bed here." So we did. At about 11.30 a. m. we were back at Mrs. Lee's and my wife in bed. I sat beside her. I had ordered at once Dr. Moses to give Lizzie some medicine to check the severe pain in her head. But my poor wife, how did she moan and wail. "Oh, Peter, I cannot stand it—I will get senseless—I will die of pain—Oh my head, my head! When is the doctor coming? Is he not coming soon? Oh, how can I hold out?" In this way my dear wife lamented, and I was helpless. Several times I hastened down stairs to Mrs. Lee to tell her that help must come for the pain is very severe. Repeatedly the answer was, "The doctor will soon come, for he is a prompt man, very likely he is attending another patient, etc." Mr. and Mrs. Lee had no thought of death else they would have summoned another physician. I did not think either that my dear wife was seriously ill, only that she had terrible pain. As I returned again to the bed of the patient and heard her whining, I asked, "Lizzie, shall I pray?" "Yes, pray." I took her hand in mine and I opened my heart in supplication to God, and Lizzie became more quiet at once. As I rose from my knees and looked at the patient—there, for the first time it struck my heart: Your wife, your dear Lizzie will die! Oh, brethren, words cannot express what happened. Never will I forget the next thirty minutes. I fell on my knees and said, "Oh, my dear wife, do you know me yet?"—"*Yes*" "Lizzie, is Jesus with you?"—"*Yes.*" Then I hastened to call Mr. and Mrs. Lee. As we returned I asked my dear wife once more. "Lizzie, is Jesus with you?"—"*Yes,*" came the feeble answer and a friendly smile was on her face. A few more breaths, and she was departed to Jesus whom she had loved so dearly and whom she had served faithfully. She passed away quietly and without agony. She moved neither hand nor foot, only the head drooped a little to one side. Yes, my faithful wife was gone—I am pleased with her joy up yonder, but Oh, how lonesome it will be without Lizzie. God is leading me a hard road, and it is not easy to believe every moment that God is love.

Lizzie died at 1 p. m. on January 3. My father and our child, who were informed by telegram of the departure of Lizzie, arrived the next morning at Calcutta. On January

4, at 12 o'clock, my dear wife was buried at Calcutta, because the corpse could hardly be transported to Champa. Bro. Lee delivered a brief sermon. On Friday evening we returned to Champa and arrived at home on Saturday morning. Brother and Sister Krœker, whom we had informed immediately of the death of my dear wife, were here and had made the necessary preparations for the burial. I had telegraphed them that the funeral would be at Champa. But on account of the difficulties put in the way I desisted from this plan and my dear wife was buried at Calcutta. Brother Krœker had prepared a grave. The preparations at Champa were all completed. I am greatly obliged to Krœker's for their sympathy and help. May God reward them.

Our servants, the orphan girls, and the poor lepers wept bitterly—all loved the deceased so dearly. Yes, how busy Lizzie's hands used to be when it was told that the girls and the lepers needed clothes! They will miss their careful mother. Many heathen came to express their sympathy. Oh, how many tears have these poor people cost already! God, let them realize that our sufferings are for them. The sympathy expressed on part of the missionaries of all the denominations represented in this district was touching. All are very willing to help. Of course Sister Krœker will be my first help in keeping house. She has offered to assist as much as possible. God is good, for He heals, helps and comforts.

My dear father is a great comfort to me in my loneliness. Now I know why my father had to come to India. He has seen our happy family life only 15½ days. My dear wife died at the age of 30 years, 2 months and 5 days.

Only one thing I must add yet. When the physician arrived after the death of my dear Lizzie, I asked him what he believed to be the cause of her death. He replied, "Heart Failure."—But now I know better. As Mrs. Lee washed and dressed Lizzie, there was a discharge of much blood and pus from the right ear. From this I rightly infer that she had an abscess in her head. Had we thought of this a week sooner, perhaps I would still have my faithful wife.

I solicit the prayers of the dear Board. With cordial greeting from my father and myself,

Yours in the Lord,

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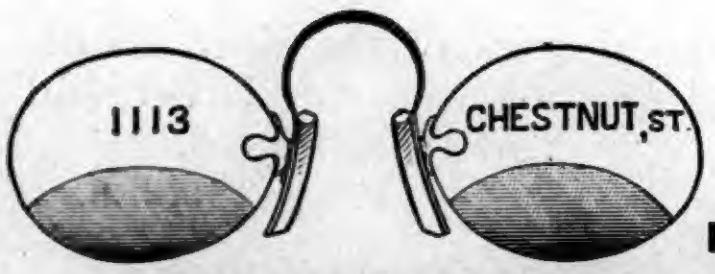

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